

SENATE BILL No. 960

February 3, 2000, Introduced by Senators BULLARD, HART, HAMMERSTROM, YOUNG, NORTH, STEIL and GOSCHKA and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1990 PA 187, entitled
"The pupil transportation act,"
(MCL 257.1801 to 257.1877) by adding section 26.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 26. (1) EACH SCHOOL BUS MANUFACTURED FOR USE IN THIS
2 STATE AFTER JANUARY 1, 2001 SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATIC
3 FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM.

4 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "AUTOMATIC FIRE SUPPRESSION
5 SYSTEM" MEANS A SYSTEM FOR FIGHTING FIRES ON A SCHOOL BUS THAT IS
6 CAPABLE OF BEING ACTIVATED WHETHER OR NOT THE ENGINE IS RUNNING
7 AND THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

8 (A) AN ENGINE COMPARTMENT PROTECTED BY A VEHICLE THERMATIC
9 FIRE EXTINGUISHER WITH NAF S-III LIQUID CLEAN AGENT.

10 (B) A SYSTEM ACTIVATED BY A QUARTZOID THERMAL RELEASE BULB
11 SPRAY NOZZLE PRESET AT 286 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT THAT IS MOUNTED

1 DOWNWIND FROM POTENTIAL IGNITION POINTS AND THAT IS CONNECTED TO
2 A STEEL CANISTER CAPABLE OF HOLDING A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF LIQUID
3 VAPORIZING SUPPRESSANT TO PROTECT THE FIRE HAZARD AREA OF THE
4 SCHOOL BUS.

5 (C) A NONCORROSIVE FIRE SUPPRESSANT THAT DOES NOT LEAVE ANY
6 RESIDUE AFTER DISCHARGE.

7 (D) A FIRE SUPPRESSANT CANISTER EQUIPPED WITH A PRESSURE
8 GAUGE THAT MONITORS THE STATUS OF THE CHARGE OF THE CANISTER.