

Legislative Analysis



MOTOR CARRIER BUS REQUIREMENTS

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Senate Bill 251 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Erika Geiss
House Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 646 would amend the Motor Bus Transportation Act to remove a requirement that each motor carrier bus display the carrier's primary telephone number. The bill would also remove a requirement that the carrier's name be displayed on both sides of the bus.

Currently, the act requires each bus on a motor carrier's roster to display the motor carrier's legal name or assumed name on both sides of the bus so that it is visible from at least 50 feet away. The display must meet the vehicle identification requirements of 49 CFR 390 to 399. The act also requires the carrier's primary telephone number to be included in the display.

The bill would delete both the phone number requirement and the requirement that this display (under the bill, the carrier's name) appear on both sides of the bus.

The bill would also delete a current exception from the phone number requirement for school buses.

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BACKGROUND:

The bill is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 646 of the 2019-20 legislative session, which was passed by the Senate and referred to the House Committee on Transportation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill has no apparent fiscal impact on the state or local government.

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