

Legislative Analysis



BUS SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS

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Senate Bill 251 (H-1) as reported from House committee
Sponsor: Sen. Erika Geiss
House Committee: Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
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(Enacted as Public Act 70 of 2024)

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 251 would amend the Motor Bus Transportation Act to remove a requirement that each bus in a motor carrier's roster must display the carrier's primary phone number on both sides of the bus. The bill also would delete an exception from this requirement for school buses.

MCL 474.115

BACKGROUND:

According to committee testimony, phone numbers are not required under federal law, which also prohibits states from having additional vehicle display requirements. In addition, bus companies are reportedly having to interrupt their operations to field prank calls from people who see a phone number on the side of a bus and cannot resist.

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 would have no impact on the state or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

The Department of Transportation indicated support for the bill. (10-19-23)

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