

Assembly Bill No. 2920

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Secretary of the Senate

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 680 of, and to add Section 2423 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2920, Brewer. Vehicles: youth buses.

(1) Existing law defines a “youth bus” as any bus, other than a schoolbus, designed for and when actually carrying not more than 16 persons and the driver, used to transport children at or below the 12th-grade level directly from a public or private school to an organized nonschool-related youth activity within 25 miles of the school or directly from a location which provides the organized nonschool-related youth activity to a public or private school within 25 miles of that location. It is an infraction for any person to drive any youth bus unless there is displayed therein a specified inspection certificate issued by the Department of the California Highway Patrol. It is also an infraction for any person to operate a youth bus without having in possession a valid endorsed driver’s license, as specified, and a youth bus driver’s certificate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

This bill would, additionally, authorize a youth bus to be used to transport children at or below the 12th-grade level to or from their place of residence if the driver has met specified requirements, relating to youth bus certificates, and received additional instruction and training approved by the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

By expanding the provisions regulating youth buses and the requirements for the drivers of youth buses, the bill would subject additional persons and buses to those provisions and requirements, thereby enlarging the scope of certain crimes and imposing a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain



costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 680 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

680. (a) A “youth bus” is any bus, other than a schoolbus, designed for and when actually carrying not more than 16 persons and the driver, used to transport children at or below the 12th-grade level directly from a public or private school to an organized nonschool-related youth activity within 25 miles of the school or directly from a location which provides the organized nonschool-related youth activity to a public or private school within 25 miles of that location.

(b) In addition to the destinations specified in subdivision (a), a youth bus may also be used to transport children at or below the 12th-grade level to or from their place of residence if the driver has met the requirements of Section 12523 and received additional instruction and training approved by the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

SEC. 2. Section 2423 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:

2423. In approving the additional instruction and training required under subdivision (b) of Section 680, the department shall consider the requirements of Article 4 (commencing with Section 40080) of Chapter 6 of Part 23 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Education Code, as those provisions relate to instruction and training requirements for schoolbus drivers and school pupil activity bus drivers.

SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or infraction,



eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

Notwithstanding Section 17580 of the Government Code, unless otherwise specified, the provisions of this act shall become operative on the same date that the act takes effect pursuant to the California Constitution.



Approved _____, 1996

Governor

