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Overview

This bill allows school buses to be operated in non-pupil transportation for limited special events.

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- 1 **School buses.** Makes a conforming change, to add in a provision on school bus registration taxes a cross reference to new allowable use of school buses.
- 2 **Pupil transport entity.** Defines “pupil transport entity” in the chapter on traffic regulations, to be a public school, including a charter school, or a private bus contractor that provides transportation for a school.
- 3 **Sign on bus; application of other law.** Clarifies required covering or removal of a “school bus” signs when the bus is being used for purposes other than pupil transportation.
- 4 **When signals not used.** Prohibits the operator of school bus who is driving under the special event provision (established in section 5 of the bill) from using the school bus stop-arm signal or special lights.
- 5 **[169.4475] Special event school bus use.** Authorizes use of a school bus by a pupil transport entity for special one- or two-day events, without the school bus being required to be reregistered as a commercial bus. Establishes that transportation under this provision is subject to the typical commercial motor vehicle regulations that apply to non-pupil transportation of passengers.

Establishes requirements governing the temporary school bus use, including bus operation under contract with a nonprofit entity as part of a one-day special event, and obtaining a temporary vehicle identification card. Clarifies allowable color and equipment for the school

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bus (a warning system of lights and a stop arm cannot be used for the special event).