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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to transportation; changing the definition of type III vehicle; amending
 1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.011, subdivision 71.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.011, subdivision 71, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 71. **School bus.** (a) "School bus" means a motor vehicle used to transport
 1.7 pupils to or from a school defined in section 120A.22, or to or from school-related
 1.8 activities, by the school or a school district, or by someone under an agreement with the
 1.9 school or a school district. A school bus does not include a motor vehicle transporting
 1.10 children to or from school for which parents or guardians receive direct compensation
 1.11 from a school district, a motor coach operating under charter carrier authority, a transit
 1.12 bus providing services as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7, or a vehicle otherwise
 1.13 qualifying as a type III vehicle under paragraph (h), when the vehicle is properly
 1.14 registered and insured and being driven by an employee or agent of a school district for
 1.15 nonscheduled or nonregular transportation.

1.16 (b) A school bus may be type A, type B, type C, or type D, multifunction school
 1.17 activity bus, or type III as provided in paragraphs (c) to (h).

1.18 (c) A "type A school bus" is a van conversion or bus constructed utilizing a
 1.19 cutaway front section vehicle with a left-side driver's door. This definition includes two
 1.20 classifications: type A-I, with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) less than or equal
 1.21 to 14,500 pounds; and type A-II, with a GVWR greater than 14,500 pounds and less
 1.22 than or equal to 21,500 pounds.

1.23 (d) A "type B school bus" is constructed utilizing a stripped chassis. The entrance
 1.24 door is behind the front wheels. This definition includes two classifications: type B-I,

2.1 with a GVWR less than or equal to 10,000 pounds; and type B-II, with a GVWR greater
2.2 than 10,000 pounds.

2.3 (e) A "type C school bus" is constructed utilizing a chassis with a hood and front
2.4 fender assembly. The entrance door is behind the front wheels. A "type C school bus" also
2.5 includes a cutaway truck chassis or truck chassis with cab, with or without a left side door,
2.6 and with a GVWR greater than 21,500 pounds.

2.7 (f) A "type D school bus" is constructed utilizing a stripped chassis. The entrance
2.8 door is ahead of the front wheels.

2.9 (g) A "multifunction school activity bus" is a school bus that meets the definition
2.10 of a multifunction school activity bus in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section
2.11 571.3. A vehicle that meets the definition of a type III vehicle is not a multifunction
2.12 school activity bus.

2.13 (h) A "type III vehicle" is restricted to passenger vehicles and buses having a
2.14 maximum manufacturer's rated seating capacity of ~~ten~~ 15 or fewer people, including the
2.15 driver, and a gross vehicle weight rating of ~~10,000~~ 26,000 pounds or less. A "type III
2.16 vehicle" must not be outwardly equipped and identified as a type A, B, C, or D school bus
2.17 or type A, B, C, or D Head Start bus. A van or bus converted to a seating capacity of ~~ten~~
2.18 15 or fewer and placed in service on or after August 1, 1999, must have been originally
2.19 manufactured to comply with the passenger safety standards.

2.20 (i) In this subdivision, "gross vehicle weight rating" means the value specified by
2.21 the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single vehicle.