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1 AN ACT Relating to the regulation of private school buses; amending
2 RCW 46.37.193; adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW; and adding a
3 new section to chapter 46.37 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 "Private school bus" means a vehicle with a seating capacity of
8 more than ten persons, including the driver, used regularly to
9 transport students to and from a private school or in connection with
10 private school activities.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.37.193 and 1990 c 241 s 10 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Every school bus, private school bus, and private carrier bus, in
14 addition to any other equipment or distinctive markings required by
15 this chapter, shall bear upon the front and rear thereof, above the
16 windows thereof, plainly visible signs containing only the words
17 "school bus" on a school bus, only the words "private school bus" on a
18 private school bus, and only the words "private carrier bus" on a

1 private carrier bus in letters not less than eight inches in height,
2 and in addition shall be equipped with visual signals meeting the
3 requirements of RCW 46.37.190.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 46.37 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A private school bus is subject to the requirements set forth in
7 the National Minimum Standards for School Buses established by the
8 national safety council in effect at the time of the bus manufacture,
9 as adopted by rule by reference by the chief of the Washington state
10 patrol. The requirements may not be less than those set forth in the
11 1980 edition of the National Minimum Standards for School Buses
12 established by the national safety council regardless of the date of
13 manufacture. The state patrol shall set minimal fees by rule under
14 chapter 34.05 RCW to recover the direct and indirect costs of the
15 private carrier school bus inspections.

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