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**SENATE BILL 824
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 5/13/09**

Short Title: Bus Transportation/After-School Programs. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 25, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF SCHOOL BUSES TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS
3 HOME FROM AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-242(1) reads as rewritten:

6 "(1) A school bus may be used for the transportation of pupils enrolled in and
7 employees in the operation of the school to which such bus is assigned by
8 the superintendent of the local school administrative unit. Except as
9 otherwise herein provided, such transportation shall be limited to
10 transportation to and from such school for the regularly organized school
11 day, and from and to the points designated by the principal of the school to
12 which such bus is assigned, for the receiving and discharging of passengers.
13 No pupil or employee shall be so transported upon any bus other than the
14 bus to which such pupil or employee has been assigned pursuant to the
15 provisions of this Article: Provided, that children enrolled in a Headstart
16 program or any More at Four program may be transported on public school
17 buses, and any additional costs associated with such contractual
18 arrangements shall be incurred by the ~~benefitting~~ benefiting Head Start or
19 More at Four program: Provided further, that children participating in a
20 school-sponsored program at the school after school hours may be
21 transported on public school buses from the school to a point designated by
22 the principal of the school, and all costs shall be incurred by the local school
23 administrative unit. Provided further, that children transported on public
24 school buses from school to an after-school program operated by a nonprofit
25 entity may be transported from the program to a point designated by the
26 principal of the school, and all costs associated with the contractual
27 arrangements shall be incurred by the benefiting after-school program.
28 Provided further, that children with disabilities may be transported to and
29 from the nearest appropriate private school having a special education
30 program approved by the State Board of Education if the children to be
31 transported are or have been placed in that program by a local school
32 administrative unit as a result of the State or the unit's duty to provide such
33 children with a free appropriate public education."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
35 the 2009-2010 school year.

