

# State of South Dakota

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1224

Introduced by: Representatives Koskan, Gabriel, and Kazmerzak and Senator Benson

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize dealers of school buses to certify that a school  
2 bus complies with state law under certain conditions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 13-29-6 be amended to read as follows:

5 13-29-6. Each school bus used for the transportation of school children which is owned by  
6 a school district, a nonpublic school or alternative education program or privately owned and  
7 operated under a contract with a school board or nonpublic school or alternative instruction  
8 program shall be inspected before the beginning of each school year by a representative of the  
9 Division of Highway Patrol to certify that the vehicle complies with state law, and rules of the  
10 South Dakota Board of Education, the Department of Commerce and Regulation, and the  
11 Division of Highway Patrol. However, if a school bus is purchased from a licensed motor vehicle  
12 dealer during the school year, the dealer may inspect and certify that the vehicle complies with  
13 such law and rules. The owner of any bus certified by a dealer shall have the bus inspected by the  
14 Division of Highway Patrol before the beginning of the next school year. A certificate certifying  
15 that the school bus has successfully passed the inspection shall be issued by the Division of  
16 Highway Patrol and shall be displayed in the vehicle above the windshield. Any school board,

1 contractor, or person operating a school bus that has not been certified commits a petty offense.