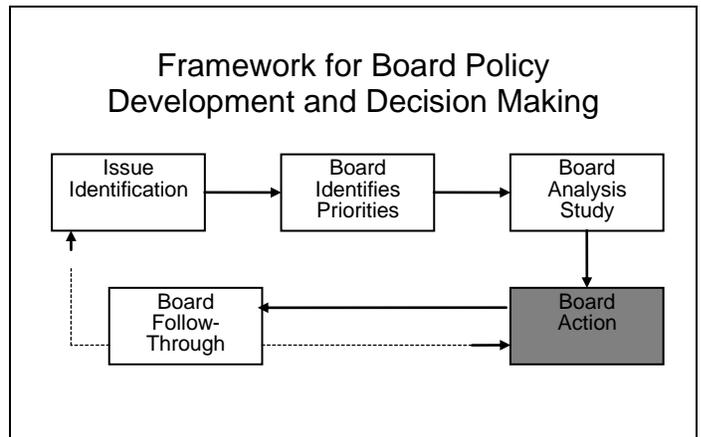


# Iowa State Board of Education

## Executive Summary

September 16, 2010



**Agenda Item:**

Rules: Chapter 44 - School Buses (Notice)

**Iowa Goal:**

All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.

**Equity Impact Statement:**

Rules related to school buses support the improvement of school bus safety.

**Presenter:**

None (consent agenda)

**Attachments:**

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**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the State Board give public notice of its intent to amend Chapter 44.

**Background:**

There is a discrepancy in the Department's rules between the description of the weight of a Type A-2 bus and the requirement for tow hooks for a Type A-2 bus. A Type A-2 bus weighs 14,501 pounds or more. Paragraph "f" of 44.3(7) should say 14,501 and not 14,500 to be consistent with the definition. This rulemaking corrects that discrepancy.

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

### Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 44, "School Buses," Iowa Administrative Code.

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An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before October 26, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendments should be directed to Carol Greta, Office of the Director, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-8661; E-mail [carol.greta@iowa.gov](mailto:carol.greta@iowa.gov); or fax (515)281-4122.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 257.11 and 282.18.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend paragraph **44.3(7)"f"** as follows:

f. Tow eyes or hooks are required on chassis of ~~14,500~~ 14,501 pounds GVWR or greater.

Two tow eyes or hooks shall be installed by the chassis manufacturer so as not to project beyond the front bumper. Tow eyes or hooks shall be attached to the chassis frame in accordance with the chassis manufacturer's standards.