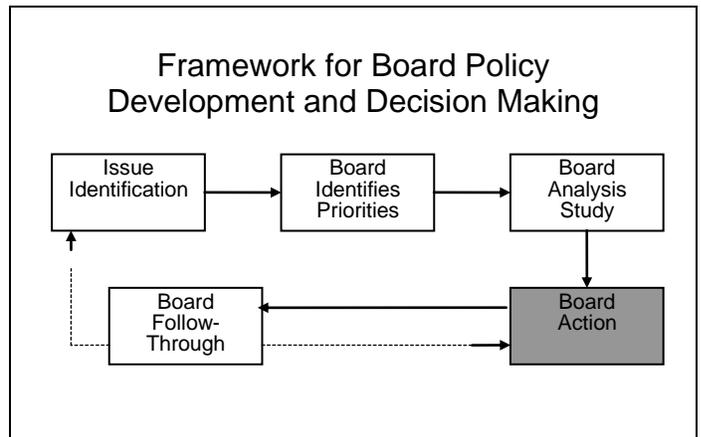


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 17, 2010



Agenda Item:

Rules: Chapter 44 - School Buses (Adopt)

Iowa Goal:

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

Equity Impact Statement:

These rules support the improvement of school bus safety.

Presenter:

None (consent agenda)

Attachments:

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the State Board 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]

Adopted and Filed

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

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 rule making corrects that discrepancy.

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

Notice of Intended Action was published in the October 6, 2010, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as ARC # 9145B. Public comments were allowed until 4:30 p.m. on October 26, 2010. No written or oral comments were received.

This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

This amendment shall become effective January 19, 2011.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 257.11 and 282.18.

The following amendment is adopted.

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.