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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents, Public School Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Mike Flanagan 

SUBJECT: Pupil Transportation Act 187

Effective August 15, 2006, the Pupil Transportation Act (Public Act 187) will be revised by Public Acts 107 and 108. The revision aligns with federal safety standards that will ensure the continued safety of students utilizing the pupil transportation system. Incorporated into the revision is language that clarifies the definition of a school bus and what transportation assets are. The Act states that "a school may contract with a licensed motor carrier of passengers for a motor bus to be used for occasional transportation of pupils to and from school-related events. A school shall not directly operate a motor bus for the use of pupil transportation to and from school or school-related events. A motor carrier certified by the state transportation department shall not use a motor bus to transport pupils to and from school."

In addition, areas of school bus operation, such as warning lights and student pick up and drop off procedures, are addressed.

It is important that pupil transportation providers are informed of the changes in the law. Several sources of information are available for securing detailed information:

- Michigan Department of Education pupil transportation web page
<http://www.michigan.gov/schoolbus/>
- Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation web page:
<http://www.mapt.org/>
- Michigan State Police, Motor Carrier Division, School Bus Inspection Program:
(517) 336-6417

If you have further questions, please contact Dwight Sinila at 517-373-1806 or sinilad@michigan.gov.

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