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HOUSE BILL ***1243***

AN ACT relative to alternative transportation of students for public schools.

SPONSORS: Rep. Verville, Rock. 2

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill authorizes the use of volunteer private vehicles to transport students to and from school activities, or to and from school due to the unavailability of licensed school bus drivers.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Section; Transportation of Students; Private Vehicles. Amend RSA 189 by inserting after section 6-e the following new section:

189:6-f Transportation to and from School Activities in Private Vehicles.

I. In this section, "school activities" shall have the same meaning as in RSA 189:6-c, III.

II. Students may be transported to and from school activities, or to and from school when the school district cannot provide legally required transportation to and from school due to the unavailability of licensed school bus drivers, in a private vehicle registered in New Hampshire which bears a valid state inspection sticker and is operated by a driver who holds a valid driver's license to operate that vehicle provided that:

(a) Drivers shall be designated volunteers under RSA 189:13, VII. The school district or school administrative unit shall conduct, or have a third party conduct, a local and national criminal background check for each driver applicant that shall include the United States Department of Justice National Sex Offender Public Website.

(b) Any driver of a vehicle under this section that transports students shall maintain primary motor vehicle liability insurance, consistent with RSA 259:61, in an amount determined by the school district or school administrative unit. No school, school district, or school administrative unit shall be held responsible for any loss, damage, or legal liability.

(c) Students may be transported to and from school or to and from school activities in a private vehicle only after the school obtains informed, written parental consent.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.