

Bill Draft Request for the Legislative Committee on Education

A Topic for Consideration Regarding School Bus Inspection Reports

Context: Nevada Highway Patrol visits school bus yards more than twice a year to complete school bus inspections. Inspections are spread out so school buses which aren't due for inspection can run their routes. Nevada Highway Patrol submits to the lead mechanic or transportation director a report of buses that failed an inspection with the justification. In addition to providing inspection reports, it is also required to submit a recommendation report every six months that lists all failed inspections for that period with written recommendations to the school district superintendent.

Solution: Updating NRS to include specific written recommendations will inform decisions related to ensuring the health of a school vehicle fleet.

Revised NRS: [NRS 386.830](#)

2. Each school bus must be inspected semiannually by the Department of Public Safety to ensure that the vehicles are mechanically safe and meet the minimum specifications established by the State Board. The Department of Public Safety ~~shall make written recommendations~~ *shall provide written notice of violations to the* superintendent of schools of the school district *or their designee* wherein any such vehicle is operating for the correction of any defects discovered thereby.

~~3.~~ *(a)* If the superintendent of schools fails or refuses to take appropriate action to have the defects corrected within 10 days after receiving notice of them from the Department of Public Safety, the superintendent is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof may be removed from office.

3. The Department of Public Safety shall provide an annual report to each superintendent of a school district or the head of a charter school, as applicable, which shall include:

(a) The number of school buses inspected that year;

(b) The number of violations that were documented that year;

(c) any such information that the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division finds pertinent to ensure the health of the fleet.

(d) any action(s) that will be required of the superintendent, including the anticipated timeline to resolve any required actions to ensure the health of the fleet.