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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; modifying school bus inspection criteria; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.451, subdivision 3.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 169.451, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. ~~Rules of commissioner~~ Inspection criteria. ~~(a) The commissioner of public~~
1.7 ~~safety shall provide by rule for the issuance and display of distinctive inspection certificates.~~

1.8 ~~(b) The commissioner of public safety shall provide by rule a point system for evaluating~~
1.9 ~~the effect on safety operation of any variance from law detected during inspections conducted~~
1.10 ~~pursuant to subdivision 1.~~

1.11 (a) The Department of Public Safety shall inspect school buses in accordance with the
1.12 School Bus Inspection Manual as prescribed in section 169.4501, subdivision 3. Upon
1.13 completion of an inspection, a printed or electronic vehicle examination report must be
1.14 provided to the carrier or school district.

1.15 (b) A school bus displaying a defect as defined in the "School Bus Recommended
1.16 Out-of-Service Criteria" in the most recent edition of the "National School Transportation
1.17 Specification and Procedures" adopted by the National Congress on School Transportation
1.18 is deemed unsafe for student transportation. A rejection sticker shall be affixed to the lower
1.19 left corner of the windshield. The sticker shall be removed only upon authorization from a
1.20 member of the State Patrol who has determined that all defects have been corrected. Pending
1.21 reinspection and certification of the vehicle by a member of the State Patrol, a bus bearing
1.22 a rejection sticker may be used to transport students if the defects have been corrected and

2.1 the vehicle examination report is signed by the owner or a designee certifying that all defects  
2.2 have been corrected. The signed report shall be carried in the first aid kit on the bus.

2.3 (c) A school bus that has had an inspection completed in which no out-of-service defects  
2.4 were identified is deemed to have passed the inspection and an inspection certificate shall  
2.5 be affixed to the lower left corner of the windshield. All defects identified must be repaired  
2.6 within 14 days of the inspection. The person completing the repairs shall sign and date the  
2.7 inspection report indicating the repairs were made. The inspection report must be retained  
2.8 at the principle place of business of the carrier or school district for 12 months following  
2.9 the inspection and must be available for review by a representative of the commissioner of  
2.10 public safety.

2.11 (d) A defect discovered during an inspection that was identified during a previous  
2.12 inspection but has not been corrected results in a failed inspection. A rejection sticker shall  
2.13 be affixed to the lower left corner of the windshield.