

CHAPTER 677—H. F. No. 776

An act relating to school buses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 125.065, Subdivision 2.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1949, Section 125.065, Subdivision 2, is amended to read :

125.065 Subd. 2. **Emergency exit.** No school board shall enter into any agreement for the transportation of pupils in any motor vehicle, or operate any school bus, with a seating capacity of more than ten passengers, unless each vehicle used for such purpose have an emergency exit located in the center of the rear portion of the bus body, and the exit to be in condition for use at all times. No school board shall hereafter purchase any school bus with a seating capacity of 43 pupils or more, if such bus is to be used on rural roads or highways, unless it be mounted on a chassis equipped with tandem rear axles. No school board shall hereafter enter into any agreement for the transportation of pupils on rural roads or highways in any motor vehicle which has a seating capacity of 43 pupils or more unless it be mounted on a motor chassis equipped with tandem rear axles. *This tandem axle requirement shall not however apply to a school bus purchased or operated by a school board of any district or by a contract hauler in those cases where the routes over which such bus is to be operated shall first have been approved by the local town or county road authorities concerned or in the case of trunk highways by the state commissioner of highways.* Existing agreements for school buses for the transportation of pupils in motor vehicles with a capacity of 43 or more pupils may be renewed for the particular motor vehicles named in said existing agreements even though such bus be not mounted on a chassis equipped with tandem rear axles. All such vehicles used in the transportation of pupils shall conform to the rules and regulations of the state board of education.

Approved April 23, 1951.

CHAPTER 678—H. F. No. 834

[Coded as Section 16.63]

An act relating to the purchase by state officers and em-