**169.449 SCHOOL BUS OPERATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Rules.** The commissioner of public safety shall adopt rules governing the operation of school buses used for transportation of school children, when owned or operated by a school or privately owned and operated under a contract with a school. Each school, its officers and employees, and each person employed under the contract is subject to these rules.

Subd. 2. **Enforcement.** The operation of a school bus on the public streets or highways in violation of rules concerning the operation of school buses adopted by the commissioner under subdivision 1 is a misdemeanor. The State Patrol shall enforce rules adopted under subdivision 1 when a school bus is operated on a public street or highway.

Subd. 3. **USDOT number.** Any person, district, or operator providing school transportation using a school bus, as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 71, must apply for a USDOT number to be used for tracking inspections conducted pursuant to section 169.451.

**History:** *1994 c 647 art 12 s 22; 1Sp2003 c 9 art 12 s 18; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 57; 2026 c 85 s 3*