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(a) (1) [Type I school vehicle or school bus.] A "Type I school vehicle" or school bus means a motor vehicle that is designed and constructed for the transportation of passengers, being of either the body-on-chassis or integral type construction, used [at any time] for the exclusive transport of children, students or teachers for educational purposes or in connection with a school activity[;] AND having a seating capacity of [sixteen (16)] 16 or more persons calculated on a basis of providing a minimum of [fifteen (15)] 15 inches of seating space per person[; registered in accordance with the provisions of this article; and meeting the requirements of the Administration for Type I school vehicle].

(2) Buses operated by common carriers under the jurisdiction of a properly constituted regulatory agency or operated by the agency itself are not included in the definition of a Type I school vehicle.

(b) [Type II school vehicle.] A "Type II school vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is designed and constructed or modified for the transportation of passengers, being of either the body-on-chassis or integral type construction, used [at any time] in the exclusive transportation of children, students, or teachers for educational purposes or in connection with a school activity[;] AND having a seating capacity of [fifteen (15)] 15 or fewer persons calculated on a basis of providing a minimum of [fifteen (15)] 15 inches of seating space per person[; registered in accordance with the provisions of this article; and meeting the requirements of the Administration for a Type II school vehicle].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 3-401.1(c) be and it is hereby added to Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws

3-401.1.

(C) (1) A SCHOOL TYPE VEHICLE OPERATED TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS ATTENDING GRADES K THROUGH 12 ON A REGULAR DAILY BASIS SHALL BE REGISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

(2) A SCHOOL TYPE VEHICLE OTHERWISE OPERATED TO TRANSPORT PERSONS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES OF MAINTAINED BY AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION AS PART OF A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SHALL BE REGISTERED: