

Vehicles," to follow immediately after Section 3-401 thereof; and that new Section 12-417 be and it is hereby added to the same Article and title, subtitle "Equipment of Vehicles," subheading "Other Equipment," to follow immediately after Section 12-416 thereof, and all to read as follows:

1-181.

[School bus means every motor vehicle having a seating capacity of ten (10) or more persons which is registered as a school bus by the Department, which complies with the color and identification requirements prescribed by the Commissioner and is used to transport children, students or teachers to or from school or in connection with school activities, but not including buses operated by common carriers in urban transportation of school children or operating under the jurisdiction of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.]

(A) 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; HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF SIXTEEN (16) OR MORE PERSONS CALCULATED ON A BASIS OF PROVIDING A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN (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. 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; HAVING A SEATING CAPACITY OF FIFTEEN (15) OR FEWER PERSONS CALCULATED ON A BASIS OF PROVIDING A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN (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.

(C) PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES WHEN OPERATING NOT-FOR-COMPENSATION AND CARRYING MEMBERS OF THE OWNER'S HOUSEHOLD ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL VEHICLE AS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION.

(D) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE TERM EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES SHALL BE GIVEN A LIBERAL INTERPRETATION AND SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THOSE ACTIVITIES OF SCHOOLS CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES OF CENTERS FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, CHURCH SCHOOLS, SUNDAY