

(2) Is either of the body-on-chassis type construction or integral type construction; and

(3) Has a gross vehicle weight of more than [10,000] 15,000 pounds and provides a minimum of 13 inches of seating space per passenger.

(b) "Type I school vehicle" does not include any bus operated by a common carrier under the jurisdiction of a State, regional, or federal regulatory agency or operated by the agency itself.

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"Type II school vehicle" means a school vehicle that:

(1) Is designed and constructed to carry passengers;

(2) Is either of the body-on-chassis type construction or integral type construction; and

(3) Has a gross vehicle weight of [10,000] 15,000 pounds or less and provides a minimum of 13 inches of seating space per passenger.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

Approved May 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 355

(Senate Bill 464)

AN ACT concerning

Child Welfare - Citizen Review Panels and Child Fatality Review Teams

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain confidential reports and records concerning child abuse and neglect to be disclosed to the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, the State Citizens Review Board for Children, or their designees, or a child fatality review team under certain circumstances; renaming the State Citizen Board of Review of Foster Care for Children to be the State Citizens Review Board for Children; expanding the duties of the State Citizens Review Board for Children to include training local citizens review panels and examining the policies and procedures of State and local agencies and certain specific cases to evaluate the extent to which State and local agencies are effectively discharging their child protection responsibilities; authorizing the State Board to add certain members for the purpose of performing certain duties; authorizing the State Board to designate certain local teams or panels to conduct reviews of specific cases; requiring the State Board to develop certain protocols governing local citizens review panels; requiring the State Board to prepare and make available a certain annual report; requiring the State Citizens Review Board for Children, local citizens review panels, the State