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**Tennessee School Bus Technical Revision**

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**The Background:**

The Advisory Council on School Transportation was appointed by the State Board of Education during its regular meeting on October 25, 2002 and reauthorized by the Executive Director of the State Board in 2011. The committee's charge is to advise the Board on all aspects of pupil transportation and to make recommendations aimed to secure the continued safety of students who use school transportation in the State of Tennessee.

This agenda item proposes a technical revision to amend Tennessee's Minimum School Bus Standards for all buses with a body tag "build date" later than July 1, 2012, to remove the specific size of the vehicle registration document holder. The Tennessee Pupil Transportation Advisory Council (TAPT) in agreement with the Department of Safety and Homeland Security have received a request for consideration to have the size of the document holder specified to be changed to a more commonly used item specification within the industry. The size used most often would be approximately 6" x 9"; however, the recommendation will be left unspecified to allow for the most appropriate document holder to be installed.

**The Recommendation:**

The SBE staff recommends adoption of the amendment on consent reading.

## Proposed Policy

Tennessee School Bus Specifications July 1, 2012 Revision, page 43, Interior Section E is revised as follows:

### *E. Vehicle Registration Document Holder*

*All Type C and Type D buses shall have a document holder attached in the front overhead area. The document holder will be appropriate to hold the Tennessee Vehicle registration documents.*

## Current Policy

Tennessee School Bus Specifications July 1, 2012 Revision, page 43, Interior Section E:

### *E. Vehicle Registration Document Holder*

*All Type C and D buses shall have a document holder attached in the front overhead area. The holder shall be metal or hard plastic. The holder shall have a clear plastic window that will allow the registration information to be seen. The holder will be designed in such a manner that easy insertion and removal of the document can take place without removing the holder from its mounting. The document holder shall be approximately 9 ½ by 13 inches.*