

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Seventeenth Meeting

April 5, 1973

Committee members present: Chairman Foley  
 Senator Bryan  
 Senator Hecht  
 Senator Walker  
 Senator Young

Chairman Foley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

A.B. 643: Permits special speed limit for public school buses transporting pupils outside school district.

Lt. Walter Hines, Nevada Highway Patrol, commented that we are creating an unsafe situation with this bill.

Senator Walker suggested that we leave this decision up to the school board. They should regulate the speed.

John Gamble suggested amending the bill as indicated in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Senator Bryan commented that it was his understanding that the federal government was going to regulate the bus design, speed, etc. according to school district's locale.

Mr. Gamble stated that the Nevada School Board adheres very closely to the federal regulations.

Shirley Wedow stated that they are in opposition to the bill in it's original form, but would support it as amended.

Senator Walker moved "Do Pass", as amended, seconded by Senator Hecht, unanimously carried.

A.B. 737: Requires state board of education to adopt standards for school buildings.

Mr. Tim Hafen suggested an amendment to Section 1, Line 7, Page 1 to read: "....specifications by appropriate rules and regulations and a board of trustees may use any plans and specifications adopted if it deems it to be in the best interest of the district". (See Exhibit "C").

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Mr. William Hancock, State Planning Board, commented that the "board" referred to in Subsection 1 is the Board of Education. Mr. Hancock further stated that they feel the bill is workable, providing that they have a letter of understanding to the school districts based on the fact the State Board of Education is neither budgeted nor has an architecture staff to adopt plans as such. (See Exhibit "D" for letter to Assemblyman Jack Schofield from Mr. Hancock).

Bob Petroni commented that he is in agreement with both speakers on A.B. 737.

Senator Hecht moved "Do Pass", as amended, seconded by Senator Young, unanimously carried.

Chairman Foley adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sharon W. Maher, Secretary

John Foley, Chairman

EXHIBIT A

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EXHIBIT A

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NAME	DEPARTMENT AND POSITION OR TITLE	TELEPHONE	CHECK ONE PLEASE	
			(v) WITNESS	(v) Observ
John Comble	Dept of Educ	7184		Bill #43,131
LT. Walter HINES	Highway Patrol	7351	✓	743
W. Hancock	San Guard	7445	-	737
Shirley Wadew	Nevada PTA	358-3206	✓	643



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April 5, 1973

JAMES H. MENATH  
DIRECTOR  
SUPPORT SERVICES BRANCH

MEMORANDUM:

TO: John Gamble, First Assistant Superintendent  
FROM: James H. Menath, Director, Support Services *J.H.M.*  
SUBJECT: ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 643

I do not agree with proposed AB 643 for the following reasons:

- Conventional school buses are not designed to assure safe operation at speeds in excess of 50 miles per hour.
- School districts have asked that statutes be changed to allow the ownership and operation of specialized equipment that is designed and constructed to operate in excess of 50 miles per hour for activity purposes only.

Revise 484.365 as follows:

A bus identified as and meeting the requirements for a school bus shall not exceed a speed of 50 miles per hour when transporting children to and from school. Buses identified as, and meeting the requirements for activity buses, may not exceed the ~~posted speed limit~~ *in accordance with regulations adopted by the NHTD.*

Revise 392.410 by adding "to or from school" after the word pupils in the first line. (See attachment #1).

*shall not exceed the maximum speed established by rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

NRS 392.410 Equipment and identification of school buses; penalties.

1. When operated for the transportation of pupils "to or from school", every school bus shall be equipped with a flashing red-light system of a type approved by the department of motor vehicles, and installed at the expense of the school district or operator. The driver shall operate this signal:

- (a) When pupils are unloading from the bus.
- (b) When the bus is stopped for the purpose of loading pupils.
- (c) In times of emergency or accident.

2. In addition to the equipment required by subsection 1, each school bus shall be equipped and identified as required by the regulations of the state board of education.

3. The agents and employees of the department of motor vehicles shall inspect school buses to determine if the provisions of this section concerning equipment and identification of such school buses have been complied with, and shall report any violations discovered thereby to the superintendent of schools of the school district wherein such vehicles are operating.

4. If the superintendent of schools fails or refuses to take appropriate action to correct any such violation within 10 days after receiving notice of such violation from the department of motor vehicles, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be removed from office.

5. Any person who violates any of the provisions or requirements of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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March 28, 1973

IN REPLY REFER TO SUBJECT

RE BDR 34-1483

Assemblyman Jack Schofield  
Assembly Chambers  
Legislative Building  
Carson City, Nevada

*AB-137*

Dear Assemblyman Schofield:

I have reviewed BDR 34-1483, which would propose to increase the existing \$5,000 limit to \$25,000 for construction work on additions or alterations to existing school buildings for the purpose of plan checking.

*AG 137*

The present \$5,000 limitation is probably extremely low in view of construction costs; however, it does pretty well insure that all projects involving code items get checked. Conversely, it also results in our receiving quite a lot of plans for checking which do not in any way involve code items.

It is my suggestion that perhaps the financial limitation be removed entirely, and a new clause inserted, as indicated on the attached, stating "which involves structural systems, exiting, sanitary or fire protection facilities", be added.

Such a change might give school districts more flexibility while still insuring that critical plans are reviewed. I did discuss the above with Glenn Hare of the Washoe County School District and he thought it was "good".

Very truly yours,

William E. Hancock, A. I. A.  
Manager

WEH:km

Encl.

cc: Mr. Dan J. Quinan  
Mr. Ernest G. Gregory

*EXHIBIT "D"*