

An Act

SENATE BILL 01-003

BY SENATOR(S) Hillman;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Kester, Coleman, and Vigil.

CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION OF SCHOOL BUSES FROM CONSTRAINTS
GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 42-4-235 (1) (a) (I), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-4-235. Minimum standards for commercial vehicles. (1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Commercial vehicle" means:

(I) Any self-propelled or towed vehicle bearing an apportioned plate or having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination rating of ten thousand one pounds or more, which vehicle is used in commerce on the public highways of this state or is designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver, UNLESS SUCH VEHICLE IS A SCHOOL BUS REGULATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 42-4-1904 OR ANY VEHICLE THAT DOES NOT HAVE A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OF TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE OR MORE POUNDS AND THAT IS OWNED OR OPERATED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT SO LONG AS SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT DOES NOT RECEIVE REMUNERATION FOR THE USE OF SUCH VEHICLE, NOT INCLUDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE USE OF SUCH VEHICLE; and

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item,