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LEGISLATIVE BILL 248

Introduced by Sullivan, 41.

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-609, Reissue
- 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit use of interactive
- 3 wireless communication devices by school bus drivers as prescribed;
- 4 and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 79-609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 79-609 (1) The school board or board of education, after
4 consultation with a member of the Nebraska State Patrol, shall determine
5 the number of passengers that may be safely transported in each bus.

6 (2)(a) Any company or agency that provides transportation of pupils
7 by school bus and contracts directly with the pupils or their parents,
8 (b) the school board or board of education of the public schools, and (c)
9 the governing authority of any private, denominational, or parochial
10 school in this state shall provide, at least twice during each school
11 year to each pupil who is transported in a school bus, instruction in
12 safe riding practice and participation in emergency evacuation drills.

13 (3) The operator of a school bus equipped with an occupant
14 protection system as defined in section 60-6,265 shall wear such system
15 whenever the vehicle is in motion.

16 (4) Except as provided in section 60-6,179.02, the operator of a
17 school bus, including any school bus which transports pupils by direct
18 contract with the pupils or their parents and not owned by or under
19 contract with a school district or nonpublic school, shall not, whenever
20 the vehicle is in motion, use any type of interactive wireless
21 communication device as defined in section 60-470.02. This subsection
22 does not apply to any dispatch communication device.

23 Sec. 2. Original section 79-609, Reissue Revised Statutes of
24 Nebraska, is repealed.