



The North Carolina Pupil Transportation Association (NCPTA) and its member counties in conjunction with the North Carolina Association of School Administrators (NCASA), the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) jointly desire to amend General Statute 20-183.4C as follows:

Add #12 to 20-183.4C a): A bus titled to a local education agency and subjected to the school bus inspection requirements specified by the State Board of Education shall be exempted from the requirement to perform safety inspections under GS 20-183.4C effective July 1, 2008 or as soon thereafter as this amendment becomes law.

The basis for said recommendation is as follows:

- ✓ All school buses and activity buses in North Carolina that are titled to a local education agency are subject to 30 day inspection requirements that currently exceed the requirements imposed by the annual safety inspection required by the state of North Carolina. Therefore, safety for all public school students in North Carolina will in no way be compromised.
- ✓ Labor savings will result, both from individual local education agency units performing inspections and DMV personnel that are required to maintain records and conduct compliance audits on the nearly 16,000 buses currently owned and operated by local education agencies statewide. As such, this recommendation will result in no added cost to tax payers and an increase in efficiency of operations within LEA units and DMV. The performance of DMV required safety inspections is in fact a duplication of effort.
- ✓ The transition to the E-sticker program is effective on October 1, 2008. The transition will have no impact on this recommendation with the exception that the transition will be made easier for DMV by exempting the 16,000 local education agency owned buses.