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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to requiring school buses to stop at railroad
2 tracks.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.343, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code
2 1995, is amended to read as follows:

3 The driver of a motor vehicle carrying passengers for hire,
4 a school bus, or a vehicle carrying hazardous material and
5 required to stop before crossing a railroad track by motor
6 carrier safety rules adopted under section 321.449, before
7 crossing at grade any track of a railroad, shall stop the
8 vehicle within fifty feet but not less than fifteen feet from
9 the nearest rail. While stopped, the driver shall listen and
10 look in both directions for an approaching train, and for
11 signals indicating the approach of a train, and shall not
12 proceed until the driver can do so safely. A multipurpose
13 passenger vehicle used as a school bus shall not be required
14 to stop before crossing a railroad track under this section.
15 A multipurpose passenger vehicle includes any multipurpose
16 vehicle or automobile used to transport students to and from
17 school or extracurricular activities.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill exempts a multipurpose passenger vehicle used as
20 a school bus from the requirement that all school buses stop
21 before crossing a railroad track. A multipurpose passenger
22 vehicle is defined as any multipurpose vehicle or automobile
23 used to transport students to and from school or
24 extracurricular activities. A multipurpose vehicle is defined
25 in section 321.1 to mean a motor vehicle designed to carry not
26 more than 10 people, and constructed either on a truck chassis
27 or with special features for occasional off-road operation.
28 An automobile is defined in section 321.1 to mean a motor
29 vehicle designed primarily for carrying nine passengers or
30 less.

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