

Chapter 485

School Busses

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485.010 Definitions. (1) As used in ORS 485.010 to 485.030:

(a) "School children" means any students going to or from any school or authorized school activity or function.

(b) "School bus" means any vehicle having seating accommodations for eight passengers or more while exclusively engaged in transporting school children, and having displayed in a conspicuous place on the front and rear thereof the words "School Bus" in letters not less than eight inches in height and of proportionate width.

(c) "Public highway" means every street, alley, road, highway and thoroughfare in this state used by the public and dedicated or appropriated to public use.

(2) As used in ORS 485.040 to 485.060, "department" means the Secretary of State

485.020 Duty to stop when meeting or overtaking school bus receiving or discharging children. (1) Except when meeting such bus on a highway having more than two lanes, any person operating a motor vehicle upon any public highway, upon meeting or overtaking a school bus which has stopped on the highway or the shoulder thereof for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children, shall completely stop the vehicle before reaching the point in the highway described in subsection (2) of this section, and shall not proceed with the vehicle if and so long as any school children are leaving the school bus or crossing the highway.

(2) The point mentioned in subsection (1) of this section is, in the case of:

(a) Meeting a school bus on a public highway having not more than two lanes, the front of the bus, or any point in the highway extended from the front of the bus across and at right angles to the center line of the highway.

(b) Overtaking a school bus, the rear of the bus, or any point in the highway extended from the rear of the bus across and at right angles to the center line of the highway.

485.030 School bus markings; stopping at railroad crossings. (1) The driver of any school bus shall see that there is displayed in

a conspicuous place on the front and rear of the bus the words "School Bus" in letters not less than eight inches in height and of proportionate width.

(2) The driver of any school bus shall completely stop the bus at a distance of not less than 10 nor more than 50 feet from any railroad grade crossing before crossing it.

485.040 Registration and approval of school busses. No motor vehicle which has seating accommodations for more than seven passengers and is engaged exclusively in transporting students or their instructors to or from school or authorized school activities or functions shall be operated for such purpose without first having been registered with and approved by the department as being safe for operation upon the public highways.

485.050 Regulations for school busses. The department shall adopt such reasonable standards relating to school bus construction and equipment, consistent with minimum uniform national standards, as the department deems necessary for safe and economical operation. The department shall also adopt and enforce such rules and regulations relating to the safety of operation, qualifications and training of drivers, accident reports and intervals of inspection, as the department deems proper and necessary.

485.060 School bus license plates. The department shall issue license plates for a motor vehicle engaged in transporting students or their instructors to or from school or authorized school activities or functions when satisfied the vehicle conforms to the rules and regulations adopted by the department and is safe for operation upon the public highways. Any failure to continue to maintain and operate a motor vehicle used for this purpose in accordance with such rules and regulations or any failure to operate the vehicle safely upon the public highways is sufficient cause for the revocation of the license plates.

485.990 Penalties. Violation of ORS 485.020 or 485.030 is punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than \$100.

