



Georgia Department of Education

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDED RULE

RULE 160-5-3-.17

USE OF ALTERNATIVE VEHICLES FOR THE TRANSPORT OF SPECIFIED STUDENT GROUPS

House Bill 51 from the 2024 Legislative Session amended O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1076, which originally authorized local boards of education to use vehicles other than school buses for the transport of McKinney-Vento students and students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to and from school and school-related activities. Starting July 1, 2024, local boards of education will be authorized to allow this type of transportation for all students. The proposed amended rule removes all references limiting authorization to solely McKinney-Vento students and students with an IEP and updates the qualifications of those individuals who will drive these vehicles. The proposed amended rule also changes the title of the rule from *Use of Alternative Vehicles for the Transport of Specified Student Groups* to *Use of Alternative Vehicles for the Transport of Students*.