



FTA Authorization Fact Sheet School Bus



Purpose

This section directs that, in general, recipients of Federal Transit Administration grants cannot provide transportation for students and school personnel if that transportation excludes the general public or competes with private school bus operators.

Statutory References

49 U.S.C. Section 5323; 49 CFR part 605

Features

- Consideration of any changes to the current charter bus regulation shall not disturb the current law provisions under section 5323(f) regarding school bus transportation.
- Subsection 5323(f) regarding school bus transportation is amended to allow the Federal Transit Administration to assess fines and withhold grant funds, in amounts at the Secretary's discretion, if public transportation agencies violate the narrowly defined conditions under which public transportation providers can provide school bus transportation.
- The House and Senate both carried identical provisions regarding more effective enforcement of school bus transportation violations. This language was adopted.