



# HOUSE BILL 193: 2020-2021 School Transportation Flexibility.

This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Education - K-12. If favorable, re-refer to Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 9, 2021
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Pickett, Saine	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Samantha Yarborough Staff Attorney
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to First Edition H193-CSBN-1		

**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 193 would allow local boards of education to provide transportation to students receiving in-person instruction for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

- For students in Plan A, bus transportation in accordance with Plan A requirements.
- For students in Plan B, bus transportation in accordance with Plan B requirements.
- For buses simultaneously providing transportation to students in Plan A and Plan B, the one passenger per seat requirement would apply only to students in Plan B.

The PCS to HB 193 updates the issuance date for the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) from February 2, 2021, to March 4, 2021.

**CURRENT LAW:** The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has provided the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12) (Toolkit) as guidance for public schools in reopening for the 2020-2021 school year. Schools must develop three plans for reopening: Plan A (Minimal Social Distancing), Plan B (Six Feet Social Distancing), and Plan C (Full Remote Learning).

The Toolkit includes guidance on issues related to the transportation of students receiving in-person instruction under Plan A or Plan B, such as wearing facial coverings, cleaning the transportation vehicles, and screening measures. For Plan B only, no more than one passenger may be seated per school bus bench seat, with the exception that members of the same household may share a seat.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** HB 193 would allow local boards of education to provide bus transportation to students for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

- For students receiving Plan A instruction, bus transportation must be provided in accordance with the Plan A requirements in the Toolkit.
- For students receiving Plan B instruction, bus transportation must be provided in accordance with the Plan B requirements in the Toolkit.
- If a bus simultaneously provides transportation to students receiving Plan A and Plan B instruction, the requirement that no more than one passenger may be seated per school bus bench seat would apply only to those students receiving Plan B instruction.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** HB 193 becomes effective when it becomes law.

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