

Draft Regulations

Draft Regulation

Education Act
(chapter I-13.3)

Student transportation — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting student transportation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to allow, under certain conditions, the use of 14-year-old buses or minibuses.

The draft Regulation has no impact on the public or on enterprises, including small and medium-sized businesses.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Guillaume Roy, Direction des politiques budgétaires, Ministère de l'Éducation, 1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 14^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5; telephone: 418 643-1497, extension 3831; email: financement@education.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Stéphanie Vachon, Secretary General, Ministère de l'Éducation, 1035, rue De La Chevrotière, 15^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5A5; email: stephanie.vachon@education.gouv.qc.ca.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting student transportation

Education Act
(chapter I-13.3, ss. 453 and 454)

1. The Regulation respecting student transportation (chapter I-13.3, r. 12) is amended in section 31 by inserting the following after subparagraph 3 of the first paragraph:

“(3.1) is authorized, notwithstanding subparagraphs 2 and 3, to use, up to the end of the current school year, buses or minibuses 14 years old where

(a) the carrier provides the service centre or the educational institution with the certificate provided for in subparagraph 3;

(b) the carrier shows to the school service centre or the educational institution that he bought, in order to replace each of those buses or minibuses, a fully electric bus or minibus to be delivered before the next school year or that the delivery of the bus or minibus purchased as replacement depends on the seller receiving a fully electric bus or minibus to be delivered before the next school year;”.

2. Subparagraph 3.1 of the first paragraph of section 31 of the Regulation, as inserted by section 1 of this Regulation, ceases to have effect on (*insert the date occurring two years after the coming into force of this Regulation*).

3. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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Draft Regulation

Transport Act
(chapter T-12)

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Road vehicles used for the transportation of school children — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation makes certain amendments to the inscriptions and colours allowed on electric school buses. It also provides for the requirement to use fully electric school buses for the transportation of school children by or for a school service centre, a school board or a private educational institution. However, an exception is made for school buses whose model year is prior to 2023 and which were registered in Québec on the date of coming into force of the Regulation.

The new requirement to use fully electric school buses for the transportation of school children by or for a school service centre, a school board or a private educational institution provided for in the draft Regulation is not expected to have an impact on employment in Québec or on the competitiveness of school bus carriers, since the subsidies and savings cover the additional costs related to the requirement.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Jarick Charbonneau, electrification advisor, Direction du développement durable et des mobilités innovantes, Direction générale de la politique de mobilité durable et de l'électrification, Ministère des Transports; email: jarick.charbonneau@transports.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Minister of Transport at Projet.reglement@transports.gouv.qc.ca or at 700, boulevard René Lévesque Est, 29^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 5H1.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children

Transport Act
(chapter T-12, s. 5, par. a)

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 53, pars. a et b et s. 95.1, 1st par., subpar. 29)

1. The Regulation respecting road vehicles used for the transportation of school children (chapter T-12, r. 17) is amended by inserting the following after section 6:

“**6.1.** A school bus shall be fully electric if it is used for the following:

(1) all transport of students organized for taking them to or from classes on a daily basis or for allowing them to go home at noon for lunch and provided for by a school service centre that exercises the duties and powers related to student transportation provided for in sections 291 to 299 of the Education Act (chapter I-13.3), for a school board that exercises the duties and powers related to student transportation provided for in sections 431 to 431.8 of the Education Act for Cree, Inuit and Naskapi Native Persons (chapter I-14), or for a private educational institution authorized to organize the busing of students under the second paragraph of section 62 of the Act respecting private education (chapter E-9.1);

(2) all other transport of students for educational, sports or cultural activities provided for a school service centre, for a school board or for a private educational institution referred to in subparagraph 1;

(3) all transport provided by a school service centre, by a school board or by a private educational institution for its students.

The first paragraph does not apply to a school bus whose model year is prior to 2023 and which was registered in Québec on (*insert the date of coming into force of this Regulation*).”

2. Section 11 is amended:

(1) by adding “, except those of a fully electric school bus that shall be blue” at the end of the second paragraph;

(2) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Only a fully electric school bus may have blue wheel rims.”

3. Section 30 is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“In the case of a fully electric school bus, an inscription or a pictogram allowing to identify the bus as such and an indication of where the high tension may be deactivated from outside the school bus shall be affixed on the outside wall.”

4. Section 50 is amended by inserting the following after paragraph 1:

“(1.1) where a person transports school children or has school children transported as organized under subparagraphs 1 to 3 of the first paragraph of section 6.1 using a vehicle that does not comply with the requirements of that section;”

5. This Regulation comes into force on the thirtieth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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