

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents, Principals, and Directors of Transportation

From: Michael A. LaRocco, Director of School Transportation

Date: May 22, 2020

Re: House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1225 – Public Safety

Background:

House Enrolled Act 1225 (2020) removes the requirement that black reflective tape be affixed to a school bus. This bill was signed into law on March 18, 2020, and will take effect on July 1, 2020.

Guidance:

In 2019, Senate Enrolled Act 2 required all school buses to have black reflective tape mounted to the bumpers and sides of buses. It was determined that this requirement was not needed and thus HEA 1225 removes the requirement for black reflective tape on the bus beyond any current requirements under Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) and IAC 575 State School Bus Committee school bus specifications.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike LaRocco, Director of School Transportation, at mlarocco@doe.in.gov, or by phone at 317-232-0891.

This bill was authored by Representative Wendy McNamara. The full bill text can be found [here](#). Information regarding how to contact your legislators can be found [here](#).