

MEMORANDUM

To: School Superintendents and Principals

From: Michael A. LaRocco, Director of School Transportation

Date: June 1, 2017

Re: House Enrolled Act 1507 – School Buses (IC 20-27-9-7)

Background:

Indiana General Assembly recently passed legislation that would allow a special education cooperative or school corporation to enter into an agreement with **an agency or organization** serving special needs individuals in order to provide transportation services to transport individuals with a developmental disability.

Guidance:

Current law (IC 20-27-9-7(b)) provides that a special education cooperative or school corporation may enter into an agreement **only with a state supported agency** serving special needs individuals to provide transportation using a school bus or special purpose bus.

The new law will allow a special education cooperative or school corporation to provide transportation for **any entity** providing service to special needs individuals.

The law also removes a requirement (IC 20-27-9-7(b)(2)) that an individual with a developmental disability must live within the boundaries of the special education cooperative or school corporation.

This bill was signed into law on February 23, 2017 and went into effect immediately upon passage.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike LaRocco at (317) 232 – 0891 or mlarocco@doe.in.gov.