No school bus, activity bus, or other school-owned vehicle will be operated without bodily injury and property damage protection provided through the provisions of the State Tort Claims Act state or through locally purchased liability coverage insurance to cover bodily injury and property damage. School buses will not be used for any purpose or in any circumstance not covered by the State Tort Claims Act unless liability insurance coverage has been purchased to cover such purpose or circumstance. Only activity buses and other vehicles meeting federal safety standards may be used for approved school-related activities. This policy does not prohibit the use of passenger vehicles rated to carry less than ten (10) occupants that is covered by appropriate insurance. The superintendent or designee and principals shall monitor compliance with this policy.

In order to be covered by the State Tort Claims Act, school bus drivers will be paid at least in part from state funds. If no state funds are used, insurance will be purchased to cover bodily injury and property damage.

Legal References: 49 U.S.C. 30125, 30165; G.S. 115C-42, -47(25), -239, -242, -257, -258, -259; G.S. 143 art. 31; Memorandum to All Superintendents from Eddie M. Speas, Jr., Special Deputy Attorney General, January 14, 1988, available at <a href="https://www.ncsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/AG-Memo-1988.pdf">https://www.ncsba.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/AG-Memo-1988.pdf</a>

21 Cross References: Insurance (policy 8340)

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