

The following is a suggested template to track rule amendments and approvals.

Instructions

Item #	Work Group	Rule Reference	Sub-Rule Reference	Amendment	Reason / Justification	Economic Impact	Council Approval	Legal Approval	DPS Approval
Incrementing numeric sequence. Discussion can be directed to the line item.	List name	List the rule number. If a new rule state “NEW”. Go in order, do not skip around.	List the sub reference. If new state “NEW”. Go in order, do not skip around.	List the specific text change or narrative of the requested change. Underline new material. Strikethrough material being removed.	Justify the amendment.	State the impact. May use terms like minimal, moderate and substantial, attempt to apply exact dollars or dollar ranges.	Yay or Nay And why if Nay.	Yay or Nay and why if Nay.	Yay or Nay and why if Nay.

Examples

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1	DPS	101	School Bus	“School bus” has the same meaning as in A.R.S. 28-101, and 49 CFR571.3 and 49 CFR 301.25 incorporated by reference and does not include any later amendments or editions and is available from the federal government or the Department.	Consistence with federal law being incorporated by reference in other rules and sections.	The definition poses no impact.			Yay
2	Driver Certification	102	D(2)	A schoot bus driver who is certified on the effective date of this subsection shall pass the physical performance test within one year from the effective date of this subsection.	This is an artifact left over from when the rules were originally created more than 20 years ago and no longer applies.	This poses no economic impact.			Yay
3	Driver Certification	102	D(New)	An employer shall notify the Department in writing or via the online portal 14 business days prior to conducting any physical performance tests. The notification shall include the date, time, location and estimated number of participants.	This is a new line item under Section D. This amendment would provide greater notification to DPS for the purposes of attending the test for audit purposes.	Expected minimal administrative impact of less than an hour on the part of the school to notify the Department. Minimal economic impact on the Department to review incoming notifications.			Yay

Working Template (add more rows as necessary)

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1	School Bus Chassis	106	Air cleaner	Air cleaner: An engine intake air cleaner shall may* be installed in the school bus that meets engine specifications defined by the school bus manufacturer (*where option available)	Not all school buses today require an engine intake air cleaner. i.e. Electric school buses	No economic impact			
2	School Bus Chassis	106	Electrical System	iv. Buses may shall be equipped with a battery shut-off switch. The switch is to be placed in a location not readily accessible to the driver or passengers. A moving forward minimum standard, not retroactive.	Batteries will last longer. Too many times, during longer holiday breaks during a school year or summer months, a battery will die from non-use. Having the Battery disconnect switch to turn battery power off will make the battery last longer. Also, by having a battery disconnect switch, the ability to turn power off to the school Bus in an Emergency puts our buses in safer situations.	Economic impact would be considered minimal. Estimated costs through all major bus manufacturers to add this feature would only be \$75.00.			
3	Schoot Bus Chassis	106	Tires and Wheels	h. Adding: No tire shall be on a bus six years beyond the manufacture date as shown on the DOT date code on the tire for a Type A bus/925 or no more than 8 years on a Type C/D.	National Highway Transportation and Safety Association, USDOT as well as many tire manufacturers like Michelin and Yokohama state a tire should not be used past 10 years. However, they all state through in depth testing that excessive heat and how tires are stored affect the tire life negatively. Due to the excessive heat in AZ 8 years is a safe tire age minimum standard.	Economic impact would be minimal to moderate. Average price of a Type A or 925 tire is \$200-\$250. The average for a Type C and D tire is \$350-\$400.00			
4	School Bus Body	107	Color	Section 6 B: The bumpers, lamp hoods, lettering, and rub rails on a school bus body shall be black. Adding: Electric Buses excluded. Electric buses must be Blue	From a safety standpoint in order to differentiate and notify emergency services that this is an electric bus.	Economic impact would be minimal to moderate. Manufacturers have this paint color Available on the assembly line at an average price of \$600.00 per bumper			
5	School Bus Body	107	Emergency Exits	c. Each emergency exit shall open toward the exterior of the school bus and shall be labeled within 6 inches of the interior release mechanism with black lettering at least 3/8 of an inch high instructing how the exit is to be opened. Adding Red lettering as an option. Wording can also be etched on to the glass in white.	Red lettering stands out more and is more indicative of an emergency. Etching in White on the window is an option that last longer than vinyl and will save our districts money in the long run. This was already approved by DPS in 2026.	This is optional and has minimal to no economic impact.			
6	School Bus Body	107	Identification	Only Signs, lettering, and objects approved by state law or these rules shall appear on the interior or exterior of a school bus, including all glass area's. Adding: shall not be within 6 inches of an emergency exit signage and shall not be the same color as the emergency exit signs or verbiage. A sign or placard may not be larger than 3X5. What law?	The sign or placard helps with assigned seating and behavioral issues that school districts experience with students on the bus.	Assigned seating or placard is optional and has no economic impact			
7	School Bus Body	107	Exterior Cameras	Adding: c. Exterior cameras: A school bus may use an exterior camera system in place of mirrors as long as it complies with 49 CFR 571.111.	Exterior driver mirrors often get broken off due to the tight areas school buses have to navigate. Exterior mirrors are also exposed to weather conditions. Allowing the option for districts to utilize interior monitors in place of exterior mirrors reduce costs and adds additional safety.	No economic impact as this would be optional.			
8	Electric Buses	201	Bumpers	Adding: Buses purchased after 1-1-27 Shall be Blue Bumper only	From a safety standpoint in order to differentiate and notify emergency services that this is an electric bus.	Economic impact would be minimal to moderate. Manufacturers have this paint color Available on the			

