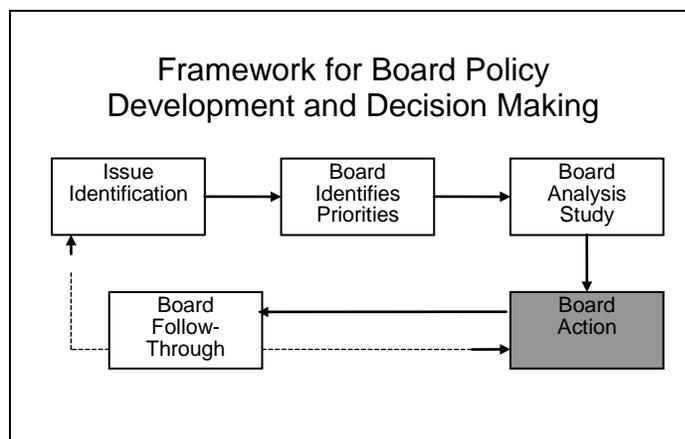


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

January 31, 2013



Agenda Item: Rules: Chapter 43- Pupil Transportation (Notice)
Modifies 281.-43.30 (285)

Iowa Goal: All PK-12 students will achieve at a high level.

**State Board Role/
Authority:** Iowa Code section 256.7(5) gives the State Board of Education the statutory authority to adopt rules under chapter 17A.

Presenters: Mike Cormack, Policy Liaison
Office of the Director

Attachments: 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board give public notice of its intent to amend Chapter 43.

Background: Currently, we have two bus inspectors on staff. They are paid for by fees paid by local districts when inspections are done. Presently, the fee is \$28, which pays for those two inspectors. Raising the fee to \$40 would allow for the hiring of one additional inspector.

The fees may only be used for this purpose. With 348 school districts and recent attention concerning the need for additional oversight in this area, one additional inspector to inspect our bus fleet statewide would be helpful.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (281)

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code Section 256.7 (5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 43, "Pupil Transportation," Iowa Administrative Code.

This is an update to current rules which provide for a bus inspection fee of \$28 per inspection. This would increase it to \$40 per inspection effective July 1, 2013. This additional fee would pay for an additional inspector.

An agency-wide waiver provision is provided in 281---chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before February 26, 2013, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendments should be directed to Mike Cormack, Iowa Department of Education, second floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-3399; E-mail mike.cormack@iowa.gov; or fax (515)242-5988.

A public hearing will be held on February 26, 2013, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the State Board Room, second floor, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact and advise the Department of Education of their specific needs by calling (515)281-5295.

After analysis and review of this rule making, a positive job impact of one additional state bus inspector would take place.

This amendment is intended to implement 285.8 (4).

The following amendment is proposed:

ITEM 1. Amend rule ~~281---~~**43.30 (285)** as follows:

281—43.30 (285) Semiannual inspection.

To facilitate the semiannual inspection program, school and school district officials shall send their buses to inspection centers as scheduled. A sufficient number of drivers or other school personnel shall be available at the inspection to operate the equipment for the inspectors. The fee for each vehicle inspected shall be \$20 effective July 1, 2005; \$25 effective July 1, 2007; and \$28 effective July 1, 2009. Effective July 1, 2013, the fee for each vehicle inspected shall be \$40.