

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Date: March 31, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Ohio Department of Public Safety
1970 West Broad Street, Room 109
Columbus, Ohio 43223

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP), will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments on the following rules proposed for adoption to Chapter 4501-5, entitled "School Bus Minimum Standards," of the Ohio Administrative Code. These rules are being filed pursuant to a completed R.C. 119.032 five-year rule review.

4501-5-01 (General provisions) sets forth the general provisions regarding the purpose of, and compliance with, Chapter 4501-5 of the Administrative Code. This rule provides definitions for terms used in Chapter 4501-5; requirements for notice of compliance, changes to equipment, and equipment recalls to be submitted to the director of public safety; documentation to be provided to purchasers of school buses; and materials incorporated by reference. Changes to this new rule organize incorporated materials and more clearly address the materials' availability in compliance with sections 121.71 to 121.74 of the Revised Code.

4501-5-02 (School bus construction standards) sets forth the minimum standards for school bus construction. This rule is proposed for amendment to add and/or clarify provisions regarding air pressure gauges, service doors, installation of first aid kits, emergency window exits, frame repairs, signal lamps, reflectorized materials, additional markings, mud flaps, window width, wiring, and to clearly address materials incorporated by reference.

4501-5-03 (School buses used to transport pupils with special needs) sets forth the different or additional construction standards for buses used to transport pupils with special needs. This rule is proposed for amendment to require major wheelchair lift repairs to be inspected by a factory authorized dealer or agent, OSHP notification of wheelchair lift repairs, and to update materials incorporated by reference.

Any persons affected by the proposed adoption of these rules may appear at the hearing and be heard in person, or by an attorney, or both, or may present their position, argument, or contention in writing. Persons may offer and examine witnesses and present evidence to show that the proposed rules will be unreasonable or unlawful if enacted.

Requests for copies of the proposed rules and/or public comments may be submitted in person or by mail at the following address: "Ohio State Highway Patrol Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223" or accessing its website at http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/oshp_rules_notices.stm.