

## SENATE BILL No. 538

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning school buses; amending K.S.A. 8-  
10 2009a and repealing the existing section.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-2009a is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-  
14 2009a. (a) Every school bus, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1461, and amendments  
15 thereto, shall be governed by the requirements of law and rules and reg-  
16 ulations of the state board of education applicable to design, lighting  
17 equipment, distinctive markings, special warning devices, and any other  
18 equipment which are in effect on the date any such school bus is pur-  
19 chased or otherwise acquired, and shall be exempt from the requirements  
20 of law and rules and regulations which become effective at any time dur-  
21 ing a period of 20 25 years from the date of manufacture of such school  
22 bus, ~~except that any school bus which was in operation on July 1, 1994,~~  
23 ~~and exceeds such 20-year period shall be exempt until July 1, 1998.~~ The  
24 state board of education is hereby required to approve any such school  
25 bus as to design, and as to lighting equipment, special warning devices,  
26 distinctive markings, and any other equipment required by law and rules  
27 and regulations, for operation as a school bus during such exemption  
28 period upon submission of a request for such approval.

29 (b) The state board of education is authorized to establish the pro-  
30 cedure to be followed when request for approval of any such school bus  
31 is submitted under this section. The approval shall be in writing and a  
32 copy of the written approval shall be carried in the school bus at all times,  
33 but failure to carry such copy of the written approval shall not affect the  
34 status of the school bus as an approved school bus. The state board of  
35 education shall maintain a list of all such school buses which have been  
36 approved by the board.

37 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-2009a is hereby repealed.

38 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
39 publication in the statute book.