

**72-8301. Definitions.** As used in this act:

(a) "Board" or "board of education" means the board of education of any school district.

(b) "School district" means any unified school district organized and operating under the laws of this state.

(c) The words "provide or furnish transportation" in addition to their ordinary meaning shall mean and include the right of a school district to: (1) Purchase, operate and maintain school buses and other motor vehicles; (2) contract, lease or hire school buses and other motor vehicles for the transportation of pupils, students and school personnel; (3) purchase, operate and maintain buses other than school buses for the transportation of pupils, students or school personnel to or from school-related functions or activities; (4) contract, lease or hire buses other than school buses for the transportation of pupils, students and school personnel if the buses are owned and operated by a public common carrier of passengers under a certificate of convenience and necessity granted by the state corporation commission or the interstate commerce commission and are operating within the authority granted to the public common carrier; and (5) reimburse persons who furnish transportation to pupils, students or school personnel in privately owned motor vehicles.

(d) "Student" or "pupil" means any person regularly enrolled in a school district and attending school in such school district or regularly enrolled in a school district and attending school in another school district in accordance with the provisions of an agreement entered into under authority of K.S.A. 72-8233, and amendments thereto.

(e) "Motor vehicle" means every motor vehicle, as defined in K.S.A. 8-126, and amendments thereto, which is designed for transporting 10 passengers or less.

(f) "Bus" means every motor vehicle, as defined in K.S.A. 8-126, and amendments thereto, which is designed for transporting more than 10 passengers in addition to the driver.

(g) "School bus" means: (1) Every bus designed primarily for the transportation of pupils, students or school personnel to or from school or to or from school-related functions or activities. This definition includes every such bus which is owned by a school district, or privately owned and contracted for, leased or hired by a school district, and operated for such transportation, and every such bus which is privately owned and operated for such transportation, but does not include within its meaning any bus designated in clauses (3) and (4) of subsection (c); and (2) every bus designed for operation as a common carrier in urban transportation. This definition includes every such bus which is owned and operated for mass public transportation by a metropolitan transit authority established under the provisions of article 28 of chapter 12 or article 31 of chapter 13 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, and is contracted for, leased or hired by a school district for the transportation of pupils, students or school personnel to or from school or to or from school-related functions or activities.

(h) "State board" means the state board of education.

**History:** L. 1968, ch. 401, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 40, § 2; L. 1978, ch. 303, § 2; L. 1984, ch. 261, § 16; L. 1991, ch. 220, § 6; L. 1997, ch. 183, § 1; L. 2001, ch. 142, § 2; July 1.