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S.F. No. 744 – School Bus Inspection Criteria (As amended by the A-1 amendment)

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S.F. 744 modifies school bus inspection criteria by striking a reference to the inspection criteria in Minnesota Rules and repealing the Rules. New criteria are specified in statute. Under the bill, the Department of Public Safety must inspect school buses in accordance with the School Bus Inspection Manual as prescribed in current law.

A school bus with an out-of-service defect is unsafe for student transportation and a rejection sticker must be displayed on the windshield of the bus. The sticker may only be removed after a member of the State Patrol has determined that the defects have been corrected. While waiting for reinspection and certification, a bus with a rejection sticker may be used to transport students if the defects have been corrected and the vehicle examination report is signed by the owner certifying the corrections have been made.

A school bus that has been inspected and had no out-of-service defects has passed the inspection and an inspection certificate is placed on the windshield. Any defects found must be repaired within 14 days and a certification of the repairs must be retained.

If a defect is discovered during an inspection and that defect was identified during a previous inspection but was never corrected, the bus fails the inspection and a rejection sticker must be placed on the windshield.