

22-16-2. State transportation division; duties.

Subject to the policies of the state board [department], the state transportation division of the department of education [public education department] shall:

- A. establish standards for school bus transportation;
- B. establish standards for school bus design and operation pursuant to provisions of Section [22-16-11](#) NMSA 1978;
- C. establish procedures pertaining to the resolution of transportation issues in areas where local school districts are engaged in school district boundary disputes;
- D. enforce those regulations adopted by the state board [department] relating to school bus transportation;
- E. audit records of school bus contractors or school district-owned bus operations in accordance with regulations promulgated by the state transportation director;
- F. establish standards and certify for safety, vehicles that are defined as school buses by the Motor Vehicle Code [Articles 1 to 8 of Chapter 66 [except 66-7-102.1] NMSA 1978]; and
- G. establish regulations for the purpose of permitting commercial advertisements on school buses.

History: 1953 Comp., § 77-14-2, enacted by Laws 1967, ch. 16, § 220; 1975, ch. 342, § 3; 1976 (S.S.), ch. 20, § 3; 1978, ch. 200, § 2; 1978, ch. 211, § 15; 1979, ch. 53, § 1; 1979, ch. 305, § 5; [1993, ch. 226, § 46](#); [1995, ch. 208, § 5](#); [1997, ch. 233, § 2](#).