



GENERAL TEAMSTERS LOCAL 251

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Chair Joe McNamara
House Committee on Education

Sent by email to HouseEducation@rilegislature.gov and to all Committee members

Re: Support H7615A

The Honorable Chair and Members of the House Committee on Education:

Teamsters Local 251 supports the proposed amendment of House Resolution H7615, creating a special joint legislative commission to study student transportation needs and system costs. We absolutely agree that this resolution is very important for Rhode Island stakeholders to be able to take a fresh look at the statewide student transportation system that serves students and families. Convening all of the various stakeholders and experts is very important for this commission, particularly with the worker representation that this amended resolution addresses. Over 70% of the school bus industry is represented by a union, a total workforce of approximately 2500 workers, with a number of unions involved.

Teamsters represent almost 1000 workers in the school bus industry impacted by this important resolution.

For these reasons, Teamsters Local 251 supports the proposed H7615A from the sponsor, and we thank the Representative for her efforts in leading on this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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