

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 2025)

Department Name:	Transportation	Date:	7-3-2025	Total Rule Count:	10
IAC #:	761	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	911	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	321.377
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

To allow regional public transit systems to partner with local schools to provide necessary transportation to students.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. In FY 2024, at least four of the sixteen regional public transit systems in Iowa provided school transportation under this rule. That amounted to approximately 12,300 rides provided to students for the year.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

The public incurs no costs associated with this rule.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

The only cost incurred due to opting to contract with schools for transportation, above and beyond what a public transit system without school contracts would incur, would be for the biennial school bus inspections required by this rule. That inspection is around \$50 per bus, twice a year. However, contracting with the schools is not a requirement of regional public transit agencies so the agencies would know in entering a contract there would be additional costs associated with it.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. School districts need additional assistance with transportation for a variety of reasons and the regional transit systems who are on the road in the area already are able to help fill the gaps. Due to the contracting partnerships enabled by this rule, over 12,000 school transportation rides were provided in FY 2024.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

In order to ensure safe transportation of students, there needs to be requirements set forth for regional transit systems when providing school transportation. This rule provides the compiled state and federal expectations for the regional transit systems to follow in transporting students through a school contract.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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911.2 Unnecessarily restrictive terms and unnecessary content was removed.

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RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

None

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

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****For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	0
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	164
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	1

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

No