

HCS HB 2345 -- VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY TESTING PROGRAM (Kolkmeyer)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Transportation

This bill exempts connected vehicle technology testing programs from the requirements that a driver of a truck or bus not follow another such vehicle within three hundred feet, and that a driver of a vehicle not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonably safe and prudent. A connected vehicle technology testing program is limited to trucks on Missouri public highways using networked wireless communication devices, and the operation of multiple or single pairs of no more than two vehicles in a single convoy or formation. The vehicle technology testing program exemptions are also subject to a sunset provision.

This bill also enables any school board to contract with any municipality to transport school children using municipality services.

This bill further provides that any municipality that imposes a local excise or sales tax under Article IV Section 30(a) of the Missouri Constitution shall use no less than ninety percent of the funds collected for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of roads and streets and for the payment and interest on indebtedness incurred because of road and street purposes. The remaining ten percent of such funds can be used for policing, signing, lighting, and cleaning roads and streets.