



NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

This section of the Arizona Administrative Register contains Notice of Rulemaking Docket Openings.

A docket opening is the first part of the administrative rulemaking process. It is an "announcement" that the agency intends to work on its rules.

When an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening.

Under the APA effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process. Many times an agency may file the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The Office of the Secretary of State is the filing office and publisher of these notices. Questions about the interpretation of this information should be directed to the agency contact person listed in item #4 of this notice.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

[R15-17]

- 1. Title and its heading: 13, Public Safety
Chapter and its heading: 13, Department of Public Safety - School Buses
Article and its heading: 1, School Bus Minimum Standards
Section numbers: R13-13-104, R13-13-105, R13-13-106, R13-13-107, R13-13-108
(The Department may add, delete or modify sections as necessary.)

- 2. The subject matter of the proposed rule: The Department in consultation with the Arizona School Bus Advisory Council has identified regulatory burdens imposed by the current rules on the certification of "scissor-type" front entry doors that impact the ability of Arizona's many student transportation providers to manage their fleets as well as the Department' ability to fulfill its enforcement mandate. The Department intends to establish language in rule that would alleviate those concerns on "scissor doors" and which would not cause a financial burden to school districts in Arizona.

The Department was granted an exception to the rulemaking moratorium contained in Executive Order 2015-01 in an e-mail from Mr. Ted Vogt, Chief of Operations, Office of the Arizona Governor dated April 1, 2015.

- 3. A citation to all published notices relating to the proceeding: None published.

4. Name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:

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- 5. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:

The Department will accept comments during business hours at the address listed in item 4 until the close of record. Information regarding an oral proceeding will be included in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

- 6. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the proceeding, if known:

To be determined.