

**Division Of State Patrol
Informational Memorandum**

6-99-7

**Tab 4
School Bus Inspection Manual**

TOPIC: Book Rack Above Left / Right Side Emergency Door

Background: Trans 300.30 specifically indicates that a book rack shall not extend across or above the emergency door (rear). Many school buses are in operation with book racks installed over the left / right side emergency exit door. The question has come up to the legality of this type of operation and whether this warrants removal of the book rack.

Decision: The section was reviewed and it was determined that this rule was in affect prior to school buses being manufactured with left / right side emergency exit doors being installed. It was not the intent of the department to restrict this type of mounting. This will be approved as long as the left / right side emergency door meets the FMVSS 217 referenced in Memorandum 6-99-1 and that the emergency door or exit label has been moved to below the bookrack.

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