

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 549**

Short Title: Increase Length Limits for Transit Buses. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Dannelly; Goodall, Graham, Malone, and Pittenger.

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Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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March 7, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW PASSENGER BUSES THAT HAVE AN OVERALL LENGTH  
OF SIXTY-ONE FEET TO OPERATE ON PUBLIC STREETS AND  
HIGHWAYS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-116 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"§ 20-116. **Size of vehicles and loads.**

...

(1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the operation of passenger buses that are owned and operated by units of local government and having an overall length of 61 feet or less, including buses having two or three axels and operated either as a single vehicle or a combination of vehicles coupled together, on public streets or highways. The Department of Transportation may prevent the operation of buses that are authorized under this subsection if the operation of such buses on a street or highway presents a hazard to passengers of the buses or to the motoring public.

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**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.