
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1006

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by
Representatives Carlson and Brumsickle)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of a school bus driver; amending
2 RCW 28A.160.210; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.160.210 and 1989 c 178 s 20 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 In addition to other powers and duties, the state board of
7 education shall adopt rules (~~and regulations~~) governing the training
8 and qualifications of school bus drivers. For the purposes of this
9 section, "school bus driver" means a person who operates a school bus
10 as defined in RCW 46.04.521, as well as other motor vehicles for the
11 routine transportation of students between home and school on scheduled
12 routes. Such rules (~~and regulations~~) for school bus drivers shall be
13 designed to insure that persons will not be employed to operate school
14 buses unless they possess such physical health and driving skills as
15 are necessary to safely operate school buses: PROVIDED, That such
16 rules (~~and regulations~~) shall insure that school bus drivers are
17 provided a due process hearing before any certification required by
18 such rules (~~and regulations~~) is (~~cancelled~~) cancel: PROVIDED
19 FURTHER, That such rules (~~and regulations~~) shall not conflict with

1 the authority of the department of licensing to license school bus
2 drivers in accordance with chapter 46.25 RCW. The state board of
3 education may obtain a copy of the driving record, as maintained by the
4 department of licensing, for consideration when evaluating a school bus
5 driver's driving skills.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 Effective September 1, 1996, school district boards of directors
9 shall have a policy on what qualifications are necessary for school
10 district employees and volunteers to transport students to and from
11 school-sponsored activities. Such policy shall require:

12 (1) A criminal background check under RCW 28A.400.303; and

13 (2) A driver's license check that assures: (a) The applicant has
14 not had a driving license privilege suspended or revoked within the
15 preceding three years. A certified copy of the suspension or revocation
16 order issued by the department of licensing shall serve as conclusive
17 evidence of the suspension or revocation; and (b) the applicant has not
18 been involved in any crime within the preceding three years involving
19 driving with a suspended or revoked driver's license, hit and run
20 driving, driving while intoxicated, being in physical control of a
21 motor vehicle while intoxicated, reckless driving, negligent driving of
22 a serious nature, vehicular assault, or vehicular homicide.

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