

HOUSE BILL No. 1260

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-9.1-3-1; IC 20-9.1-4-4.

Synopsis: School bus driver qualifications. Provides that a person who drives a school bus must: (1) have sufficient physical ability to be a school bus driver, as determined by the state school bus committee; and (2) be free from any communicable disease transmitted through airborne or droplet means that requires isolation of the infected person. Requires the state school bus committee to adopt rules to prescribe performance standards and measurements for determining the physical ability necessary for a person to be a school bus driver.

Effective: July 1, 1998.

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January 13, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-9.1-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.155-1997,
2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 1. A person may not drive a school bus for the
4 transportation of school children or be employed as a school bus monitor
5 unless the person satisfies the following requirements:
6 (1) Is of good moral character.
7 (2) Does not use intoxicating liquor during school hours.
8 (3) Does not use intoxicating liquor to excess at any time.
9 (4) Is not addicted to any narcotic drug.
10 (5) Is at least twenty-one (21) years of age.
11 (6) Holds a valid public passenger chauffeur's license or commercial
12 driver's license issued by the state of Indiana or any other state.
13 (7) Possesses the following required physical characteristics:
14 (A) Sufficient physical ability to ~~drive~~ **be** a school bus **driver**,
15 **as determined by the state school bus committee**
16 **(IC 20-9.1-4-1)**.
17 (B) Possession and full normal use of both hands, both arms,



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1 both feet, both legs, both eyes, and both ears.

2 (C) Freedom from any communicable disease **that:**

3 (i) **may be transmitted through airborne or droplet**
4 **means; and**

5 (ii) **requires isolation of the infected person under 410**
6 **IAC 1-2.1.**

7 (D) Freedom from any mental, nervous, organic, or functional
8 disease which might impair the person's ability to properly
9 operate a school bus.

10 (E) Visual acuity, with or without glasses, of at least 20/40 in
11 each eye and a field of vision with 150 degree minimum and with
12 depth perception of at least 80%.

13 However, subdivisions (6) and (7) do not apply to the employment of a
14 school bus monitor.

15 SECTION 2. IC 20-9.1-4-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 4. (a) The state school
17 bus committee has the following powers:

18 (1) It may prescribe, by rules adopted under IC 4-22-2, standards for
19 the construction of school buses, including minimum standards for
20 the construction of school buses necessary to be issued a:

21 (A) valid certificate of inspection decal; and

22 (B) temporary certificate of inspection decal described in section
23 5.1 of this chapter.

24 (2) It may prescribe, by rules adopted under IC 4-22-2, standards for
25 the equipment of school buses, including minimum standards for the
26 equipment of school buses necessary to be issued a:

27 (A) valid certificate of inspection decal; and

28 (B) temporary certificate of inspection decal described in section
29 5.1 of this chapter.

30 (3) It may specify by rules adopted under IC 4-22-2 the particular
31 minimum standards that are required to be met to avoid the issuance
32 of an out-of-service certificate of inspection decal.

33 (4) It may provide for the inspection of all school buses, new or old,
34 which are offered for sale, lease or contract.

35 (5) It may provide for the annual inspection of all school buses and
36 the issuance of certificate of inspection decals.

37 (6) It may maintain an approved list of school buses which have
38 passed inspection tests under subdivisions (4) or (5).

39 (7) It may, subject to approval by the state board of accounts,
40 prescribe standard forms for school bus contracts.

41 (8) It may hear appeals brought under section 7 of this chapter.

42 (b) **The state school bus committee shall adopt rules under**



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1 **IC 4-22-2 to prescribe performance standards and measurements**
2 **for determining the physical ability necessary for a person to be a**
3 **school bus driver.**
4 (c) The certificate of inspection decals shall be issued to correspond
5 with each school year. Each certificate of inspection decal expires on
6 September 30 following the school year in which the certificate of
7 inspection decal is effective. However, for buses that are described in
8 section 5(g) of this chapter, the certificate of inspection decal expires on
9 a date that is not later than seven (7) months after the date of the first
10 inspection for the particular school year.

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