

HOUSE BILL NO. 1334

Introduced by

Representatives Mueller, D. Johnson, L. Meier

Senators Bakke, Robinson, Wardner

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-20 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to requirements for drivers of school vehicles.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-07-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-07-20. ~~Schoolbus~~ School vehicle driver - Requirements.**

7 1. ~~To~~ Except as provided in subsection 2, to be eligible to drive a schoolbus or other
8 school vehicle for which a commercial driver's license is not required, an individual
9 must:

- 10 a. Hold a ~~valid~~ North Dakota driver's license;
- 11 b. Be free from communicable diseases;
- 12 c. Be in good physical health and have normal use of both hands, both feet, both
13 eyes, and both ears;
- 14 d. Be of sound mental health; and
- 15 e. Pass any drug and alcohol screening tests required by the school board; ~~and~~
- 16 f. ~~Be at least twenty-one years of age, unless the board of a school district~~
17 ~~determines that an individual not meeting this requirement can safely and~~
18 ~~adequately perform the required duties.~~

19 2. To be eligible to drive a school vehicle that is designed to seat ten to fifteen
20 people, an individual must:

- 21 a. Hold a North Dakota driver's license;
- 22 b. Meet the physical and medical requirements established for commercial
23 vehicle drivers; and

- 1 c. Complete any annual training required by the superintendent of public
2 instruction.
- 3 3. Each year, the board of a school district shall designate licensed health care
4 professionals, as defined by department of transportation standards, to examine
5 ~~schoolbus and~~ school vehicle drivers.
- 6 ~~3.~~ 4. Prior to commencing duties as the driver of a ~~schoolbus or other~~ school vehicle,
7 whether employed by the school district or by another entity with whom the school
8 board has contracted, and every two years thereafter, an individual shall present to
9 the school board verification by a designated health care professional that the
10 individual has been examined and meets the health, physical, and medical
11 requirements of this section.
- 12 ~~4.~~ 5. ~~This section does not prohibit~~ The requirements of this section apply to teachers
13 ~~or, administrators employed by, and other employees of the district from operating~~
14 ~~vehicles for the purpose of transporting~~ who transport students to ~~regular or~~
15 ~~special events related to educational programs in which the students are enrolled~~
16 or from any school-sponsored event or activity.