

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT
with Senate Amendments**

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED 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,
13 both eyes, and both ears;
- 14 d. Be of sound mental health;
- 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~~ apply to teachers or administrators who are
13 employed by the district ~~from~~ and who are operating vehicles other than
14 schoolbuses for the purpose of transporting students to regular or special events
15 related to educational programs in which the students are enrolled.