

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1334  
(Representatives Mueller, D. Johnson, L. Meier)  
(Senators Bakke, Robinson, Wardner)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to requirements for certain school vehicle drivers.

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

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

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

1. ~~To be eligible to drive a schoolbus or other school vehicle, an~~
  - a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if an individual transports students or other passengers in a school vehicle for which a commercial driver's license is not required, the individual must:
    - a. (1) Hold a ~~valid~~ North Dakota driver's license;
    - b. (2) Be free from communicable diseases;
    - c. (3) Be in good physical health and have normal use of both hands, both feet, both eyes, and both ears;
    - d. (4) Be of sound mental health;
    - e. (5) Pass any drug and alcohol screening tests required by the school board; and
    - f. (6) Be at least twenty-one years of age, unless the board of a school district determines that an individual not meeting this requirement can safely and adequately perform the required duties.
  - b. If the vehicle being used to transport students or other passengers under this subsection is a school vehicle for which a commercial driver's license is not required, but which is designed to seat ten to fifteen passengers, the individual must:
    - (1) Hold a North Dakota driver's license;
    - (2) Meet the physical and medical requirements established for commercial vehicle drivers;
    - (3) Complete any annual training required by the superintendent of public instruction; and
    - (4) Be at least twenty-one years of age, unless the board of a school district determines that an individual not meeting this requirement can safely and adequately perform the required duties.
2. ~~Each year, the board of a school district shall designate licensed health care professionals, as defined by department of transportation standards, to examine schoolbus and school vehicle drivers.~~

3. ~~Prior to commencing duties as the driver of a schoolbus or other school vehicle, whether employed by the school district or by another entity with whom the school board has contracted, and every two years thereafter, an individual shall present to the school board verification by a designated health care professional that the individual has been examined and meets the health requirements of this section.~~
4. ~~This section does not prohibit teachers or administrators employed by the district from operating vehicles for the purpose of transporting students to regular or special events related to educational programs in which the students are enrolled.~~

The board of a school district may request, at any time, that a health care professional designated by the board examine an individual to determine if the individual meets the physical and medical requirements of subsection 1. Any examination costs that remain after application of the individual's insurance coverage are the responsibility of the board.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1334.

House Vote:      Yeas    93      Nays    0      Absent    1

Senate Vote:    Yeas    45      Nays    0      Absent    2

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State