

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1385  
(Representatives Skroch, Brandenburg, Fegley, Johnston, Jones, McWilliams, D. Ruby)  
(Senator Clemens)

AN ACT to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-20 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to mandatory safety training for school bus 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. School vehicle driver - Requirements.**

1. 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:
  - (1) Hold a North Dakota driver's license;
  - (2) Be free from communicable diseases;
  - (3) Be in good physical health and have normal use of both hands, both feet, both eyes, and both ears;
  - (4) Be of sound mental health;
  - (5) Pass any drug and alcohol screening tests required by the school board; and
  - (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; and
  - (5) Complete the national safety council defensive driving course number four workshop within the first year of employment and at least once every five years thereafter.

2. a. 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.
- b. The health care professional conducting the examination shall forward any charges to the individual's insurance carrier for payment. 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 Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1385.

House Vote:    Yeas 84            Nays 8            Absent 2

Senate Vote:    Yeas 44            Nays 1            Absent 2

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Approved at \_\_\_\_\_ M. on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Governor

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Secretary of State