

Introduced by

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Senator Clemens

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

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. School vehicle driver - Requirements.**

7 1. a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if an individual transports  
8 students or other passengers in a school vehicle for which a commercial driver's  
9 license is not required, the individual must:

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

20 b. If the vehicle being used to transport students or other passengers under this  
21 subsection is a school vehicle for which a commercial driver's license is not  
22 required, but which is designed to seat ten to fifteen passengers, the individual  
23 must:

- 24 (1) Hold a North Dakota driver's license;

- 1                   (2) Meet the physical and medical requirements established for commercial  
2                   vehicle drivers;
- 3                   (3) Complete any annual training required by the superintendent of public  
4                   instruction; ~~and~~
- 5                   (4) Be at least twenty-one years of age, unless the board of a school district  
6                   determines that an individual not meeting this requirement can safely and  
7                   adequately perform the required duties; and
- 8                   (5) Complete the national safety council defensive driving course number four  
9                   workshop within the first year of employment and at least once every five  
10                  years thereafter.
- 11           2.    a.    The board of a school district may request, at any time, that a health care  
12                  professional designated by the board examine an individual to determine if the  
13                  individual meets the physical and medical requirements of subsection 1.
- 14                  b.    The health care professional conducting the examination shall forward any  
15                  charges to the individual's insurance carrier for payment. Any examination costs  
16                  that remain after application of the individual's insurance coverage are the  
17                  responsibility of the board.