

By Representative Slosberg

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to bus drivers; amending s.
3 316.615, F.S.; requiring school districts to
4 check the driving records of all bus drivers
5 for suspended or revoked drivers' licenses;
6 providing penalties; amending s. 316.70, F.S.;
7 requiring the driving records of nonpublic
8 sector bus drivers to be checked for suspended
9 or revoked licenses; providing penalties;
10 providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 316.615, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 316.615 School buses; ~~physical~~ requirements of
17 drivers.--

18 (3)(a) A person may not operate or cause to be
19 operated a motor vehicle covered by subsection (1) or
20 subsection (2) when transporting school children unless the
21 operator has met the physical examination requirements
22 established by law and by rule adopted by the Commissioner of
23 Education. The operator of such a motor vehicle shall pass an
24 annual physical examination and have posted in the vehicle a
25 certificate to drive the vehicle.

26 (b) Each school district shall check the driving
27 records of all school bus drivers at least once each year to
28 ascertain whether the driver has a suspended or revoked
29 drivers' license. The Commissioner of Education may assess a
30 civil penalty of up to \$5,000 with respect to each failure of

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1 a school district to comply with the provisions of this
2 subsection.

3 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
4 section 316.70, Florida Statutes, to read:

5 316.70 Nonpublic sector buses; safety rules.--

6 (1) The Department of Transportation shall establish
7 and revise standards to assure the safe operation of nonpublic
8 sector buses, as defined in s. 316.003(78), which standards
9 shall be those contained in 49 C.F.R. parts 382, 385, and
10 390-397 and which shall be directed towards assuring that:

11 (d) The driving records of drivers of nonpublic sector
12 buses are checked by their employers at least once each year
13 to ascertain whether the driver has a suspended or revoked
14 drivers' license.

15 (2) The Department of Transportation may assess a
16 civil penalty of up to \$5,000 per infraction against any
17 person who violates any provision of this section or who
18 violates any rule or order of the department.

19 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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22 HOUSE SUMMARY

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24 Requires school districts with respect to school bus
25 drivers and employers with respect to nonpublic sector
26 bus drivers to check the driving records of all bus
27 drivers once each year to ascertain whether the driver
28 has a suspended or revoked license. Provides penalties.
29 See bill for details.

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