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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to private school bus drivers;
amending s. 1002.42, F.S.; providing
requirements for private school bus drivers,
including specified qualifications, drug and
alcohol testing, background screening, and
certain registration or licensure; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (14) of section 1002.42, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.42 Private schools.--

(14) BUS DRIVER REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING.--

(a) Each private school bus driver must be of good
moral character, have good vision and hearing, and be
able-bodied, free from communicable disease, mentally alert,
and sufficiently strong physically to handle the bus with
ease; must possess other qualifications described in 49 C.F.R.
part 391, relating to physical qualifications and
examinations, and in 49 C.F.R. parts 40 and 382, relating to
controlled substance and alcohol use and testing; must meet
level 2 background screening standards set forth in chapter
435; and must hold a valid chauffeur registration or a valid
commercial driver's license with a passenger endorsement.

(b) Private school bus drivers may participate in a
district school board's bus driver training program, if the
district school board makes the program available pursuant to
s. 1012.45(4).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.