

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Lynn

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to for-hire bus drivers;
creating s. 125.5805, F.S.; requiring counties
to adopt ordinances relating to registration of
drivers who transport school students for hire;
providing specified qualifications, including
background screening and commercial driver
licensure; providing for applicability;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 125.5805, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

125.5805 For-hire bus drivers; transport of school
students; required local ordinances; minimum requirements;
reimbursement of costs; exclusion.--

(1) No later than January 1, 2006, all counties must
adopt an ordinance that requires every driver of a motor
vehicle that is regularly used for the transportation of
students to or from school, or to or from school activities,
who receives compensation for such services to register with
the county.

(2) The ordinance shall require, at a minimum, that
each driver provide documentation that the driver:

(a) Has met level 2 background screening standards set
forth in chapter 435; and

(b) Holds a valid commercial driver's license with a
passenger endorsement.

1 (3) Each driver shall reimburse the county for any
2 costs of background screening or for any other expenses
3 related to administration of the ordinance.

4 (4) The provisions of this section do not apply to
5 drivers employed by a public school or private school who meet
6 the requirements of s. 1012.45 or s. 1002.42.

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

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9 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
11 Senate Bill 2478

12 The committee substitute requires counties to adopt an
13 ordinance for the registration of for-hire bus drivers who
transport students. The committee substitute also:

14 -Requires a driver to provide specific proof at the time
15 of registration with the county and to reimburse the
county for administrative expenses.

16 -Provides an exception to the registration requirements
17 for drivers who meet specific criteria.