

HB 0535

2005

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to private school bus drivers; amending s.
 3 1002.42, F.S.; providing requirements for private school
 4 bus drivers, including specified qualifications, drug and
 5 alcohol testing, background screening, and certain
 6 registration or licensure; providing an effective date.

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

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

12 1002.42 Private schools.--

13 (14) BUS DRIVER REQUIREMENTS AND TRAINING.--

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

25 (b) Private school bus drivers may participate in a
 26 district school board's bus driver training program, if the
 27 district school board makes the program available pursuant to s.
 28 1012.45(4).

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