

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Transportation Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to for-hire bus drivers; creating s.
7 125.5805, F.S.; requiring counties to adopt ordinances
8 relating to registration of drivers who transport school
9 students for hire; providing specified qualifications,
10 including background screening and commercial driver
11 licensure; providing for applicability; providing an
12 effective date.

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

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

18 125.5805 For-hire bus drivers; transport of school
19 students; required local ordinances; minimum requirements;
20 reimbursement of costs; exclusion.--

21 (1) No later than January 1, 2006, all counties must adopt
22 an ordinance that requires every driver of a motor vehicle that
23 is regularly used for the transportation of students to or from

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24 | school, or to or from school activities, who receives
 25 | compensation for such services to register with the county.

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

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

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

32 | (3) Each driver shall reimburse the county for any costs
 33 | of background screening or for any other expenses related to
 34 | administration of the ordinance.

35 | (4) The provisions of this section shall not apply to
 36 | drivers employed by a public school or private school who meet
 37 | the requirements of s. 1012.45 or s. 1002.42.

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