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**A BILL**

To amend section 3327.10 of the Revised Code to 1  
modify the law governing medical examinations 2  
for school bus drivers. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3327.10 of the Revised Code be 4  
amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 3327.10.** (A) No person shall be employed as driver of 6  
a school bus or motor van, owned and operated by any school 7  
district or educational service center or privately owned and 8  
operated under contract with any school district or service 9  
center in this state, who has not received a certificate from 10  
either the educational service center governing board that has 11  
entered into an agreement with the school district under section 12  
3313.843 or 3313.845 of the Revised Code or the superintendent 13  
of the school district, certifying that such person is at least 14  
eighteen years of age and is of good moral character and is 15

qualified physically and otherwise for such position. The 16  
service center governing board or the superintendent, as the 17  
case may be, shall provide for an annual physical examination 18  
that conforms with rules adopted by the state board of education 19  
of each driver to ascertain the driver's physical fitness for 20  
such employment. Any certificate may be revoked by the authority 21  
granting the same on proof that the holder has been guilty of 22  
failing to comply with division (D)(1) of this section, or upon 23  
a conviction or a guilty plea for a violation, or any other 24  
action, that results in a loss or suspension of driving rights. 25  
Failure to comply with such division may be cause for 26  
disciplinary action or termination of employment under division 27  
(C) of section 3319.081, or section 124.34 of the Revised Code. 28

(B) No person shall be employed as driver of a school bus 29  
or motor van not subject to the rules of the department of 30  
education pursuant to division (A) of this section who has not 31  
received a certificate from the school administrator or 32  
contractor certifying that such person is at least eighteen 33  
years of age, is of good moral character, and is qualified 34  
physically and otherwise for such position. Each driver shall 35  
have an annual physical examination which conforms to the state 36  
highway patrol rules, ascertaining the driver's physical fitness 37  
for such employment. The examination shall be performed by one 38  
of the following: 39

(1) A person licensed under Chapter 4731. or 4734. of the 40  
Revised Code or by another state to practice medicine and 41  
surgery ~~or, osteopathic medicine and surgery,~~ or chiropractic; 42

(2) A physician assistant; 43

(3) A certified nurse practitioner; 44

(4) A clinical nurse specialist;	45
(5) A certified nurse-midwife;	46
<u>(6) A medical examiner who is listed on the national</u>	47
<u>registry of certified medical examiners established by the</u>	48
<u>federal motor carrier safety administration in accordance with</u>	49
<u>49 C.F.R. part 390.</u>	50
Any written documentation of the physical examination	51
shall be completed by the individual who performed the	52
examination.	53
Any certificate may be revoked by the authority granting	54
the same on proof that the holder has been guilty of failing to	55
comply with division (D) (2) of this section.	56
(C) Any person who drives a school bus or motor van must	57
give satisfactory and sufficient bond except a driver who is an	58
employee of a school district and who drives a bus or motor van	59
owned by the school district.	60
(D) No person employed as driver of a school bus or motor	61
van under this section who is convicted of a traffic violation	62
or who has had the person's commercial driver's license	63
suspended shall drive a school bus or motor van until the person	64
has filed a written notice of the conviction or suspension, as	65
follows:	66
(1) If the person is employed under division (A) of this	67
section, the person shall file the notice with the	68
superintendent, or a person designated by the superintendent, of	69
the school district for which the person drives a school bus or	70
motor van as an employee or drives a privately owned and	71
operated school bus or motor van under contract.	72

(2) If employed under division (B) of this section, the 73  
person shall file the notice with the employing school 74  
administrator or contractor, or a person designated by the 75  
administrator or contractor. 76

(E) In addition to resulting in possible revocation of a 77  
certificate as authorized by divisions (A) and (B) of this 78  
section, violation of division (D) of this section is a minor 79  
misdemeanor. 80

(F) (1) Not later than thirty days after June 30, 2007, 81  
each owner of a school bus or motor van shall obtain the 82  
complete driving record for each person who is currently 83  
employed or otherwise authorized to drive the school bus or 84  
motor van. An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not 85  
permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for the 86  
first time before the owner has obtained the person's complete 87  
driving record. Thereafter, the owner of a school bus or motor 88  
van shall obtain the person's driving record not less frequently 89  
than semiannually if the person remains employed or otherwise 90  
authorized to drive the school bus or motor van. An owner of a 91  
school bus or motor van shall not permit a person to resume 92  
operating a school bus or motor van, after an interruption of 93  
one year or longer, before the owner has obtained the person's 94  
complete driving record. 95

(2) The owner of a school bus or motor van shall not 96  
permit a person to operate the school bus or motor van for ten 97  
years after the date on which the person pleads guilty to or is 98  
convicted of a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code 99  
or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance. 100

(3) An owner of a school bus or motor van shall not permit 101  
any person to operate such a vehicle unless the person meets all 102

other requirements contained in rules adopted by the state board 103  
of education prescribing qualifications of drivers of school 104  
buses and other student transportation. 105

(G) No superintendent of a school district, educational 106  
service center, community school, or public or private employer 107  
shall permit the operation of a vehicle used for pupil 108  
transportation within this state by an individual unless both of 109  
the following apply: 110

(1) Information pertaining to that driver has been 111  
submitted to the department of education, pursuant to procedures 112  
adopted by that department. Information to be reported shall 113  
include the name of the employer or school district, name of the 114  
driver, driver license number, date of birth, date of hire, 115  
status of physical evaluation, and status of training. 116

(2) The most recent criminal records check required by 117  
division (J) of this section has been completed and received by 118  
the superintendent or public or private employer. 119

(H) A person, school district, educational service center, 120  
community school, nonpublic school, or other public or nonpublic 121  
entity that owns a school bus or motor van, or that contracts 122  
with another entity to operate a school bus or motor van, may 123  
impose more stringent restrictions on drivers than those 124  
prescribed in this section, in any other section of the Revised 125  
Code, and in rules adopted by the state board. 126

(I) For qualified drivers who, on July 1, 2007, are 127  
employed by the owner of a school bus or motor van to drive the 128  
school bus or motor van, any instance in which the driver was 129  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of section 4511.19 130  
of the Revised Code or a substantially equivalent municipal 131

ordinance prior to two years prior to July 1, 2007, shall not be 132  
considered a disqualifying event with respect to division (F) of 133  
this section. 134

(J)(1) This division applies to persons hired by a school 135  
district, educational service center, community school, 136  
chartered nonpublic school, or science, technology, engineering, 137  
and mathematics school established under Chapter 3326. of the 138  
Revised Code to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation. 139

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired 140  
on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a 141  
criminal records check in accordance with section 3319.39 of the 142  
Revised Code and every six years thereafter. For each person to 143  
whom this division applies who is hired prior to that date, the 144  
employer shall request a criminal records check by a date 145  
prescribed by the department of education and every six years 146  
thereafter. 147

(2) This division applies to persons hired by a public or 148  
private employer not described in division (J)(1) of this 149  
section to operate a vehicle used for pupil transportation. 150

For each person to whom this division applies who is hired 151  
on or after November 14, 2007, the employer shall request a 152  
criminal records check prior to the person's hiring and every 153  
six years thereafter. For each person to whom this division 154  
applies who is hired prior to that date, the employer shall 155  
request a criminal records check by a date prescribed by the 156  
department and every six years thereafter. 157

(3) Each request for a criminal records check under 158  
division (J) of this section shall be made to the superintendent 159  
of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation in 160

the manner prescribed in section 3319.39 of the Revised Code, 161  
except that if both of the following conditions apply to the 162  
person subject to the records check, the employer shall request 163  
the superintendent only to obtain any criminal records that the 164  
federal bureau of investigation has on the person: 165

(a) The employer previously requested the superintendent 166  
to determine whether the bureau of criminal identification and 167  
investigation has any information, gathered pursuant to division 168  
(A) of section 109.57 of the Revised Code, on the person in 169  
conjunction with a criminal records check requested under 170  
section 3319.39 of the Revised Code or under division (J) of 171  
this section. 172

(b) The person presents proof that the person has been a 173  
resident of this state for the five-year period immediately 174  
prior to the date upon which the person becomes subject to a 175  
criminal records check under this section. 176

Upon receipt of a request, the superintendent shall 177  
conduct the criminal records check in accordance with section 178  
109.572 of the Revised Code as if the request had been made 179  
under section 3319.39 of the Revised Code. However, as specified 180  
in division (B) (2) of section 109.572 of the Revised Code, if 181  
the employer requests the superintendent only to obtain any 182  
criminal records that the federal bureau of investigation has on 183  
the person for whom the request is made, the superintendent 184  
shall not conduct the review prescribed by division (B) (1) of 185  
that section. 186

(K) (1) Until the effective date of the amendments to rule 187  
3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the 188  
second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the 189  
Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal 190

records check under division (J) of this section and has been 191  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense described in 192  
division (B)(1) of section 3319.39 of the Revised Code shall not 193  
be hired or shall be released from employment, as applicable, 194  
unless the person meets the rehabilitation standards prescribed 195  
for nonlicensed school personnel by rule 3301-20-03 of the Ohio 196  
Administrative Code. 197

(2) Beginning on the effective date of the amendments to 198  
rule 3301-83-23 of the Ohio Administrative Code required by the 199  
second paragraph of division (E) of section 3319.39 of the 200  
Revised Code, any person who is the subject of a criminal 201  
records check under division (J) of this section and has been 202  
convicted of or pleaded guilty to any offense that, under the 203  
rule, disqualifies a person for employment to operate a vehicle 204  
used for pupil transportation shall not be hired or shall be 205  
released from employment, as applicable, unless the person meets 206  
the rehabilitation standards prescribed by the rule. 207

**Section 2.** That existing section 3327.10 of the Revised 208  
Code is hereby repealed. 209