

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, after "sections" insert "3319.316, 4511.76,"; after "4731.156" insert ",," 1
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In line 2 of the title, after "sections" insert "3327.103,"; delete the first "and" and insert ",,"; after "4732.42" insert ", 4925.11, 4925.12, 4925.13, 4925.14, and 4925.15" 3
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In line 6 of the title, delete "and" 6

In line 7 of the title, after "therapists" insert ", and to authorize a public or private school to transport students using a transportation network company" 7
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In line 8, after "sections" insert "3319.316, 4511.76,"; after "4731.156" insert ",," 10
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In line 9, after "sections" insert "3327.103,"; delete the second "and" and insert ",,"; after "4732.42" insert ", 4925.11, 4925.12, 4925.13, 4925.14, and 4925.15" 12
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After line 10, insert: 15

"Sec. 3319.316. The state board of education shall be a 16



participating public office for purposes of the retained 17
applicant fingerprint database established under section 18
109.5721 of the Revised Code and shall receive notification from 19
the bureau of criminal identification and investigation of the 20
arrest or conviction of the following persons: 21

(A) Persons to whom the state board has issued a license, 22
as defined in section 3319.31 of the Revised Code; 23

(B) On behalf of employers described in section 3319.391 24
or 3327.10 of the Revised Code or a transportation network 25
company under section 3327.103 of the Revised Code, persons who 26
are not required to hold a license issued by the state board and 27
are employed in or contracted for a position that the district, 28
service center, or school reasonably determines may involve 29
routine interaction with a child or regular responsibility for 30
the care, custody, or control of a child, including persons who 31
operate a school bus or motor van. Notwithstanding anything to 32
the contrary in division (E) of section 109.5721 of the Revised 33
Code, the state board is authorized to and promptly shall 34
transmit any notification received regarding a person under this 35
division to the person's employer or the transportation network 36
company, as applicable. 37

Sec. 3327.103. (A) In addition to any other applicable 38
requirement specified in Chapter 4925. of the Revised Code, a 39
transportation network company providing services under a 40
contract entered into under section 4925.12 of the Revised Code 41
shall do all of the following: 42

(1) Request a criminal records check prior to authorizing 43
the transportation network company driver to provide pupil 44
transportation services under the contract in accordance with 45
the procedures specified under divisions (J) (2), (3), and (4) of 46

section 3327.10 of the Revised Code, in addition to the 47
background checks required by section 4925.04 of the Revised 48
Code; 49

(2) Obtain the complete driving record for each 50
transportation network company driver who is providing pupil 51
transportation under the contract. A transportation network 52
company shall obtain the transportation network company driver's 53
record prior to authorizing that driver to provide pupil 54
transportation services. Thereafter, the transportation network 55
company shall obtain the transportation network company driver's 56
driving record not less than semiannually while the driver is 57
authorized to provide pupil transportation services under the 58
contract. 59

(3) Require each transportation network company driver 60
providing pupil transportation services under the contract to be 61
tested for drugs and alcohol. The transportation network company 62
shall impose standards for disqualification of a driver that are 63
consistent with the federal motor carrier safety administration 64
standards within 49 C.F.R. 382. 65

(4) Require each transportation network company driver 66
providing pupil transportation services under the contract to 67
obtain an annual physical examination from a licensed medical 68
professional showing that the driver is physically qualified to 69
safely operate a motor vehicle for the transportation of pupils; 70

(5) Ensure that all of the following apply to the 71
operation and condition of a motor vehicle that is used by an 72
authorized transportation network company driver for pupil 73
transportation under the contract: 74

(a) A qualified mechanic inspects the motor vehicle not 75

<u>less than once annually to determine that it is safe for pupil</u>	76
<u>transportation.</u>	77
<u>(b) If a motor vehicle is determined to be unsafe for</u>	78
<u>pupil transportation, the motor vehicle is not operated for such</u>	79
<u>use until it is repaired and determined safe for pupil</u>	80
<u>transportation.</u>	81
<u>(c) The driver of the motor vehicle does not stop on the</u>	82
<u>roadway to load or unload passengers.</u>	83
<u>(d) The driver of the motor vehicle is accustomed to</u>	84
<u>operating that particular make and model of motor vehicle.</u>	85
<u>(e) The motor vehicle transports not more than ten</u>	86
<u>individuals at one time, including the driver.</u>	87
<u>(f) The driver and all passengers occupying the motor</u>	88
<u>vehicle comply with the requirements of sections 4511.81 and</u>	89
<u>4513.263 of the Revised Code, as applicable.</u>	90
<u>(B) No transportation network company providing services</u>	91
<u>under a contract entered into under section 4925.12 of the</u>	92
<u>Revised Code shall authorize any transportation network company</u>	93
<u>driver to provide pupil transportation services under the</u>	94
<u>contract if any of the following apply:</u>	95
<u>(1) The driver has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to</u>	96
<u>a violation of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, or a</u>	97
<u>substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, within the prior</u>	98
<u>ten years.</u>	99
<u>(2) The driver refuses to participate in drug and alcohol</u>	100
<u>testing as described in division (A) (3) of this section.</u>	101
<u>(3) The driver has not completed the requirements</u>	102
<u>specified in section 4925.15 of the Revised Code.</u>	103

Sec. 4511.76. (A) The department of public safety, by and 104
with the advice of the department of education and workforce, 105
shall adopt and enforce rules relating to the construction, 106
design, and equipment, including lighting equipment required by 107
section 4511.771 of the Revised Code, of all school buses both 108
publicly and privately owned and operated in this state. 109

(B) The department of education and workforce, by and with 110
the advice of the director of public safety, shall adopt and 111
enforce rules relating to the operation of all vehicles used for 112
pupil transportation. 113

~~(C) No~~ (C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of 114
this section, no person shall operate a vehicle used for pupil 115
transportation within this state in violation of the rules of 116
the department of education and workforce or the department of 117
public safety. No person, being the owner thereof or having the 118
supervisory responsibility therefor, shall permit the operation 119
of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state in 120
violation of the rules of the department of education and 121
workforce or the department of public safety. 122

(2) Division (C) (1) of this section does not apply to a 123
transportation network company driver providing services under a 124
contract between a transportation network company and a board of 125
education of a school district or governing authority of a 126
chartered nonpublic school or other public school in accordance 127
with sections 4925.11 to 4925.14 of the Revised Code. 128

(D) The department of public safety shall adopt and 129
enforce rules relating to the issuance of a license under 130
section 4511.763 of the Revised Code. The rules may relate to 131
the condition of the equipment to be operated; the liability and 132
property damage insurance carried by the applicant; the posting 133

of satisfactory and sufficient bond; and such other rules as the 134
director of public safety determines reasonably necessary for 135
the safety of the pupils to be transported. 136

(E) A chartered nonpublic school or a community school may 137
own and operate, or contract with a vendor that supplies, 138
alternative vehicles to transport students to and from regularly 139
scheduled school sessions, school-related activities, and 140
school-sanctioned events when one of the following applies: 141

(1) A student's school district of residence has declared 142
the transportation of the student impractical pursuant to 143
section 3327.02 of the Revised Code; 144

(2) A student does not live within thirty minutes of the 145
chartered nonpublic school or the community school, as 146
applicable, and the student's school district is not required to 147
transport the student under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code; 148

(3) The governing authority of the chartered nonpublic 149
school or the community school has offered to provide the 150
transportation for its students in lieu of the students being 151
transported by their school district of residence. 152

(F) A school district may own and operate, or contract 153
with a vendor that supplies, alternative vehicles to transport 154
students to and from regularly scheduled school sessions, 155
school-related activities, and school-sanctioned events. 156

(G) A school district or the governing authority of a 157
chartered nonpublic school or community school that uses an 158
alternative vehicle in accordance with division (E) or (F) of 159
this section, shall ensure that all of the following apply to 160
the operation of that vehicle: 161

(1) A qualified mechanic inspects the vehicle not fewer than two times each year and determines that it is safe for pupil transportation;

(2) The driver of the vehicle does not stop on the roadway to load or unload passengers;

(3) The driver of the vehicle meets the requirements specified for a driver of a school bus or motor van under section 3327.10 of the Revised Code and any corresponding rules adopted by the department of education and workforce. Notwithstanding that section or any department rules to the contrary, the driver is not required to have a commercial driver's license but shall have a current, valid driver's license, and shall be accustomed to operating the vehicle used to transport the students.

(4) The driver and all passengers in the vehicle comply with the requirements of sections 4511.81 and 4513.263 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

(H) (1) A school district, a chartered nonpublic school, or a community school may own and operate, or contract with a vendor that supplies, a multifunction school activity bus to transport students between school and school functions or activities.

(2) A multifunction school activity bus shall not be used to transport students between school and home or between school and designated school bus stops.

(I) As used in this section:

(1) "Alternative vehicle" means a motor vehicle originally manufactured and designed for not more than twelve passengers,

not including the driver. 190

(2) "Vehicle used for pupil transportation" means any 191
vehicle that is identified as such by the department of 192
education and workforce by rule and that is subject to Chapter 193
3301-83 of the Administrative Code.- 194

(J) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 195
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the 196
offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to 197
one or more violations of this section or section 4511.63, 198
4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77, or 4511.79 of the Revised 199
Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to 200
any of those sections, whoever violates this section is guilty 201
of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree." 202

After line 1891, insert: 203

"Sec. 4925.11. As used in sections 4925.11 to 4925.15 of 204
the Revised Code: 205

(A) "Other public school" means a community school 206
established under Chapter 3314. or a STEM school established 207
under Chapter 3326. of the Revised Code. 208

(B) "Parent" or "legal guardian" means a natural parent, 209
adoptive parent, or legal guardian of a student. 210

(C) "School district" means a city, local, exempted 211
village, or joint vocational school district or an educational 212
service center. 213

(D) "School-related activities" means any activities 214
sponsored by a school district, chartered nonpublic school, or 215
other public school including extracurricular activities, field 216
trips, or athletic events. 217

(E) "Pupil" means any child enrolled in kindergarten 218
through twelfth grade at a school district, chartered nonpublic 219
school, or other public school. 220

Sec. 4925.12. (A) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision 221
of the Revised Code concerning pupil transportation, beginning 222
with the 2026-2027 school year, a board of education of a school 223
district or governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school 224
or other public school may contract with a transportation 225
network company to provide pupil transportation to and from 226
school or school-related activities. 227

(2) Prior to commencing the pupil transportation services 228
with a transportation network company in accordance with 229
division (A) (1) of this section, the board of education of a 230
school district or governing authority of a chartered nonpublic 231
school or other public school shall obtain the written consent 232
of the parent, guardian, or custodian of each student who will 233
be transported by the transportation network company under that 234
contract. 235

(B) A contract between a transportation network company 236
and a board of education of a school district or governing 237
authority of a chartered nonpublic school or other public 238
school, along with provisions in this chapter, shall govern the 239
services provided pursuant to this section. 240

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter and in 241
section 3327.103 of the Revised Code, all rules and regulations 242
of the department of education and workforce or any other state 243
agency concerning the transportation of pupils, including 244
Chapter 3327. of the Revised Code, shall not apply to a 245
transportation network company and a transportation network 246
company driver providing services under a contract authorized by 247

this section. 248

(D) The director of education and workforce shall adopt 249
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to 250
conduct any necessary audit or investigation of a transportation 251
network company or the authorized transportation network company 252
drivers that are operating under a contract with a board of 253
education of a school district or governing authority of a 254
chartered nonpublic school or other public school in accordance 255
with this section. The director shall determine whether such 256
audits and investigations are conducted periodically or are 257
based on a complaint against the transportation network company 258
or the transportation network company driver. 259

Sec. 4925.13. (A) A transportation network company 260
providing services under a contract entered into under section 261
4925.12 of the Revised Code shall do all of the following: 262

(1) Require the transportation network company drivers 263
providing pupil transportation services under the contract to 264
comply with the transportation network company driver 265
requirements of this chapter; 266

(2) Require the transportation network company drivers 267
providing pupil transportation services under the contract to 268
comply with any additional safety-related driver qualifications 269
or criminal records checks imposed under the contract; 270

(3) Comply with all other requirements of this chapter and 271
section 3327.103 of the Revised Code. 272

(B) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit 273
the authority of a transportation network company, at its 274
discretion, to impose any additional safety-related driver 275
qualifications or vehicle standards that exceed the 276

qualifications and standards set forth in this chapter or set 277
forth in any contract entered into under section 4925.12 of the 278
Revised Code. Furthermore, nothing in this chapter shall be 279
construed to limit the authority of a transportation network 280
company, at its discretion, to conduct criminal records checks 281
and to deny, suspend, or terminate the authorization of any 282
driver performing services under a contract entered into under 283
section 4925.12 of the Revised Code, to the extent such actions 284
exceed what is required by this chapter or by any contract 285
entered into under that section. 286

Sec. 4925.14. A transportation network company providing 287
services pursuant to a contract entered into under section 288
4925.12 of the Revised Code shall, for each trip, provide the 289
parent or legal guardian of a student with access to all of the 290
following: 291

(A) Real-time status updates of the trip, including 292
confirmation of driver arrival, student pickup, and student 293
drop-off; 294

(B) Real-time global positioning system tracking 295
throughout the duration of the trip; 296

(C) The ability to directly contact the assigned driver 297
during the trip, through an anonymized in-app communication 298
feature or call forwarding system; 299

(D) A picture of the driver and the make, model, and 300
license plate number of the vehicle used by the driver. 301

Sec. 4925.15. (A) A transportation network company 302
providing services pursuant to a contract entered into under 303
section 4925.12 of the Revised Code shall either provide or 304
shall approve a pre-service training course and annual in- 305

<u>service training courses for its transportation network company</u>	306
<u>drivers. The courses may be completed in one or multiple</u>	307
<u>sessions.</u>	308
<u>(B) Except as provided under division (D) of this section,</u>	309
<u>the pre-service training course shall include all of the</u>	310
<u>following topics:</u>	311
<u>(1) Public and staff relations and conflict resolution;</u>	312
<u>(2) Transporting preschool and special needs children;</u>	313
<u>(3) Equipment and care, including the operation of all</u>	314
<u>adaptive equipment needed to safely transport preschool and</u>	315
<u>special needs students;</u>	316
<u>(4) Defensive driving;</u>	317
<u>(5) Student management, including bullying behaviors;</u>	318
<u>(6) Safety and emergency procedures;</u>	319
<u>(7) Motor vehicle laws and student transportation</u>	320
<u>operation and safety rules;</u>	321
<u>(8) Signs, signals, and pavement markings;</u>	322
<u>(9) Fuel conservation;</u>	323
<u>(10) Safe radio and electronic wireless communications</u>	324
<u>device use while operating a vehicle.</u>	325
<u>(C) Except as provided in division (D) of this section,</u>	326
<u>the annual in-service training courses shall include any topic</u>	327
<u>that relates to student safety, student behavior, or safe</u>	328
<u>operation of the vehicles providing student transportation.</u>	329
<u>(D) The transportation network company may waive one or</u>	330
<u>more of the topics as part of the courses if the transportation</u>	331

network company driver being trained clearly demonstrates 332
sufficient knowledge of the topic in advance of the course." 333
 In line 1916, after "sections" insert "3319.316, 4511.76,"; after 334
 "4731.156" insert ",," 335

The motion was _____ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 336

Pupil transportation by a transportation network company 337

R.C. 3319.316, 3327.103, 4511.76, 4925.11, 4925.12, 338
4925.13, 4925.14, and 4925.15 339

Authorizes a school district's board of education or a 340
 school's governing authority to contract with a transportation 341
 network company (TNC) for student transportation to and from 342
 school and from school-related activities, beginning with the 343
 2026-2027 school year. 344

Requires the contracting school district's board of 345
 education or a school's governing authority to obtain parental 346
 consent prior to allowing the TNC to transport individual 347
 students. 348

Exempts a TNC driver providing services under that 349
 contract from the rules governing student transportation and 350
 driver qualifications adopted by the Department of Education and 351
 Workforce (DEW) and Department of Public Safety. 352

Establishes separate driver and vehicle qualifications for 353
 student transportation by a TNC, including additional background 354

checks, drug and alcohol testing, physical exams, vehicle	355
inspections, and active GPS monitoring.	356
Requires a TNC to either provide or approve a pre-service	357
training course and annual in-service training courses for its	358
TNC drivers who provide pupil transportation services.	359
Requires the training courses to include topics that are	360
similar to the DEW training courses for its pupil transportation	361
drivers.	362
Requires the DEW Director to conduct audits and	363
investigations of a TNC and its drivers providing pupil	364
transportation services, either on a periodic basis or based on	365
a complaint.	366