

Sixtieth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE BILL NO. 1081

Introduced by

Representatives Delzer, Wrangham

Senator Freborg

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 15.1-07-20 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to requirements for drivers of schoolbuses and school vehicles.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 15.1-07-20 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **15.1-07-20. Schoolbus driver - School vehicle driver - Requirements.**

- 7 1. To be eligible to ~~drive~~ transport students or other passengers in a schoolbus or
8 other school vehicle, an the individual must:
- 9 a. Hold ~~a valid~~ the appropriate class of North Dakota driver's license together
10 with any special endorsement otherwise required by law;
 - 11 b. Be free from communicable diseases;
 - 12 c. Be in good physical health and have normal use of both hands, both feet, both
13 eyes, and both ears;
 - 14 d. Be of sound mental health;
 - 15 e. Pass any drug and alcohol screening tests required by the school board; and
 - 16 f. Be at least twenty-one years of age, unless the board of a school district
17 determines that an individual not meeting this requirement can safely and
18 adequately perform the required duties.
- 19 2. Each year, the board of a school district shall designate licensed health care
20 professionals, as defined by department of transportation standards, to examine
21 schoolbus and school vehicle drivers governed by subsection 1.
- 22 3. Prior to ~~commencing duties as the driver of~~ transporting students or other
23 passengers in a schoolbus or other school vehicle, whether employed by the
24 school district or by another entity with whom the school board has contracted, and

- 1 every two years thereafter, an individual shall present to the school board
2 verification by a designated health care professional that the individual has been
3 examined and meets the health requirements of this section.
- 4 4. This section does not ~~prohibit~~ apply to teachers or administrators who are
5 employed by the district ~~from~~ and who are operating vehicles other than
6 schoolbuses for the purpose of transporting students to regular or special events
7 related to educational programs in which the students are enrolled.