

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1470**

Introduced by

Representative Kelsh

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

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. School vehicle driver - Requirements.**

7 1. a. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if an individual transports  
8 students or other passengers in a school vehicle for which a commercial driver's  
9 license is not required, the individual must:

- 10 (1) Hold a North Dakota driver's license;  
11 (2) Be free from communicable diseases;  
12 (3) Be in good physical health and have normal use of both hands, both feet,  
13 both eyes, and both ears;  
14 (4) Be of sound mental health;  
15 (5) Pass any drug and alcohol screening tests required by the school board;  
16 and  
17 (6) Be at least twenty-one years of age, unless the board of a school district  
18 determines that an individual not meeting this requirement can safely and  
19 adequately perform the required duties.

20 b. If the vehicle being used to transport students or other passengers under this  
21 subsection is a school vehicle for which a commercial driver's license is not  
22 required, but which is designed to seat ten to fifteen passengers, the individual  
23 must:

- 24 (1) Hold a North Dakota driver's license;

- 1                   (2) Meet the physical and medical requirements established for commercial  
2                   vehicle drivers;
- 3                   (3) Complete any annual training required by the superintendent of public  
4                   instruction; and
- 5                   (4) Be at least twenty-one years of age, unless the board of a school district  
6                   determines that an individual not meeting this requirement can safely and  
7                   adequately perform the required duties.
- 8           2.   a.   The board of a school district may request, at any time, that a health care  
9           professional designated by the board examine an individual to determine if the  
10          individual meets the physical and medical requirements of subsection 1.
- 11          b.   The health care professional conducting the examination shall forward any  
12          charges to the individual's insurance carrier for payment. Any examination costs  
13          that remain after application of the individual's insurance coverage are the  
14          responsibility of the board.