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SUBCHAPTER A GENERAL PROVISIONS

RULE §14.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) Advertisement--Any communication brought to the attention of the public by paid announcement or in return for public recognition in connection with an event or offer or sale of a product or service, except for a single-line listing of a school district name and/or school or manufacturer logo approved by the department.
- (2) Department--The Texas Department of Public Safety.
- (3) Director--The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety or the designee of the director.
- (4) Enrollment certificate--A valid provisional certificate issued by a training agency under the authority of the director indicating a person has enrolled in the School Bus Driver Safety Training Program as described in §14.36 of this title (relating to Enrollment Certificates) and meets the requirements designated therein.
- (5) Medical advisory board--The Medical Advisory Board of the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- (6) Medical examiner--A person who is licensed, certified, and/or registered, in accordance with applicable State laws and regulations, to perform physical examinations. The term includes, but is not limited to, doctors of medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, advanced practice nurses, and doctors of chiropractic.
- (7) Multifunction school activity bus--A motor vehicle that was manufactured in compliance with the federal motor vehicle safety standards for school buses in effect on the date of manufacture other than the standards requiring the bus to display alternately flashing red lights and to be equipped with movable stop arms, and that is used to transport preprimary, primary, or secondary students on a school-related activity trip other than on routes to and from school. The term does not include a school bus, a school activity bus, a school-chartered bus, or a bus operated by a mass transit authority.
- (8) School activity bus--A bus designed to accommodate more than 15 passengers, including the operator, that is owned, operated, rented, or leased by a school district, county school, open-enrollment charter school, regional education service center, or shared services arrangement and that is used to transport public school students on a school-related activity trip, other than on routes to and from school. The term does not include a chartered bus, a bus operated by a mass transit authority, a school bus, or a multifunction school activity bus.
- (9) School bus--A motor vehicle that was manufactured in compliance with the federal motor vehicle

safety standards for school buses in effect on the date of manufacture and that is used to transport preprimary, primary, or secondary students on a route to or from school or on a school-related activity trip other than on routes to and from school. The term does not include a school-chartered bus or a bus operated by a mass transit authority.

- (10) School bus driver--A driver transporting school children and/or school personnel on routes to and from school or on a school-related activity trip while operating a multifunction school activity bus, school activity bus, or school bus.
- (11) Training agency--The twenty Regional Education Service Centers of the Texas Education Agency approved by the department to teach the School Bus Driver Safety Training Program.
- (12) Training certificate--A document issued under the authority of the director to a person indicating successful completion of the School Bus Driver Safety Training Program approved by the department.

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RULE §14.11 School Bus Driver Employment Qualifications

At a minimum, to become employed and maintain employment status as a school bus driver, a person must meet the following requirements:

- (1) be at least 18 years of age;
- (2) possess a valid driver license designating a class appropriate (with applicable endorsement, if commercial driver license) for the gross vehicle weight rating and manufacturer's designed passenger capacity of vehicle to be operated;
- (3) meet the medical qualifications as specified in §14.12 of this title (relating to Medical Qualifications);
- (4) maintain an acceptable driving record in accordance with the minimum standards established under §14.14 of this title (relating to Minimum Driving Record Qualifications);
- (5) maintain an acceptable criminal history record, secured from any law enforcement agency or criminal justice agency, and reviewed in accordance with the provisions of current state statute (see Chapter 22 of the Texas Education Code); and
- (6) possess a valid Texas School Bus Driver Safety Training Certificate as specified in §14.35 of this title (relating to School Bus Driver Certification) or a valid Enrollment Certificate as specified in §14.36 of this title (relating to Enrollment Certificate).

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RULE §14.12 Medical Qualifications

A person shall not drive a school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus unless he/she is physically qualified to do so. Each school bus driver shall undergo and successfully complete an annual physical examination in accordance with the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 391.41 and 391.43, which list those physical and mental conditions for which the medical examiner is directed to disqualify an applicant. The results of the examination shall be noted on the Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination form as published by the United States Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 391.43 according to the figure in this section. A driver shall not operate a school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus unless he/she has in their possession the original, or a photographic copy, of a valid medical examiner's certificate stating that he/she is physically qualified to drive a school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus.

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RULE §14.13 Request for Special Consideration

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, any person disqualified on the basis of the medical examination may request special consideration from the director, or designee, for a waiver of medical disqualification in accordance with the following procedure:

(1) The form, Texas Medical Advisory Board Release Authorization for School Bus Drivers (see the figure in this paragraph), must be properly completed and signed by both the person applying for the waiver (applicant) and each examining physician that provides medical records and/or a medical opinion referring to the applicant, and must accompany each request for special consideration.

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- (2) In requesting special consideration, the applicant must submit in writing to the director or designee clear and convincing evidence supporting that his or her functions are not impaired to such an extent as to reduce the applicant's physical and mental capabilities to safely operate a school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus; or endanger the safety and welfare of school children. The director or designee may require the applicant to submit additional supporting evidence or other related information
- (3) The following documents must be delivered to the department for each waiver request:
 - (A) A written request for Special Consideration;
- (B) Medical Examination Report for Commercial Driver Fitness Determination, as specified in §14.12 of this title (relating to Medical Qualifications);
- (C) Texas Medical Advisory Board Release Authorization; provide one copy for each physician that submits a medical opinion and/or medical records referring to the applicant;
 - (D) Letter from the prospective employer; and
- (E) Letter(s) containing medical opinion(s) and/or medical records from any examining physicians that applicant requests the Medical Advisory Board to review.
- (4) The director or designee shall forward the Request for Special Consideration, along with all submitted supporting evidence/documentation submitted by the applicant, to the Medical Advisory Board for official review and recommendation/opinion.
- (5) Following receipt of the recommendation of the Medical Advisory Board, the director or designee shall review the findings and recommendation and may grant or deny the applicant's request for special consideration. In no event will the director or designee grant a request for special consideration in the

absence of a report or statement from the Medical Advisory Board indicating approval.

- (6) The Department may impose appropriate restrictions on the license of the applicant as authorized in Texas Transportation Code, §521.221.
- (b) Eligibility verifications. Requests for Special Consideration will include a review for satisfactory compliance as described in §14.11, of this title (relating to School Bus Driver Employment Qualifications) and §14.14, of this title (relating to Minimum Driving Record Qualifications). A waiver shall not be granted if these standards are not also met.
- (c) In accordance with Texas Transportation Code, §521.022(g), the department will grant a medical waiver to an otherwise qualified person with a hearing disability allowing that person to serve as a school bus driver when transporting hearing-impaired students.

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RULE §14.14 Minimum Driving Record Qualifications

- (a) The following standards have been established by the department as minimum requirements to be met by each person seeking to become employed or to remain employed as a school bus driver to drive any motor vehicle while in use as a school bus for the transportation of students.
- (b) Pre-employment Inquiries. Each employer shall make the following investigations and inquiries with respect to each school bus driver it employs:
- (1) An applicant for employment as a school bus driver must disclose to the employer any violations of motor vehicle laws or ordinances (other than violations involving only parking) of which the applicant was convicted or forfeited bond or collateral during the three years preceding the date the application is submitted; any serious traffic violations, as defined in Texas Transportation Code, §522.003(25), of which the applicant was convicted during the ten years preceding the date the application is submitted; and any suspension, revocation, or cancellation of any driving privilege that the applicant has ever received.
- (2) An inquiry into the school bus driver's complete driving record to the department and also to any other state(s) in which the school bus driver applicant held a motor vehicle operator's license or permit within the past ten years. If no previous driving record is found to exist, the employer must document their efforts to obtain such information, and certify that no previous driving record exists for that individual. The applicant's driving record shall be reviewed to determine whether that person meets minimum requirements as described in subsection (d) of this section.
- (c) Annual inquiry and review of driving record.
- (1) Each employer or designated person shall, at least once every twelve months, make an inquiry into the complete driving record of each school bus driver it employs to the department and also to any other state(s) in which the individual held a motor vehicle operator's license or permit during that time period.
- (2) Each employer shall, at least once every twelve months review the driving record of each school bus driver it employs to determine whether that school bus driver meets minimum requirements as described in subsection (d) of this section.
- (d) School Bus Driver's Driving Record Evaluation. In determining a person's eligibility to drive a school bus, any person who has accumulated ten or more penalty points shall be considered ineligible to transport students until such time as he/she may become qualified. The following standards shall apply in assessing penalty points for convictions of traffic law violations and crash involvements appearing on his/her current driving record:

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- (1) convictions for violations included in Table I shall be assessed one penalty point for each occurrence if the date of the violation is within three years of the date of the driving record evaluation;
- (2) crash involvements included in Table II shall be assessed two penalty points if the date of occurrence is within three years of the date of the driving record evaluation. Persons disqualified because of penalty points assessed for crash involvement shall be notified of their right to a review;
- (3) convictions for violations included in Table III shall be assessed three penalty points for each occurrence if the date of the violation is within three years of the date of the driving record evaluation;
- (4) convictions for violations included in Table IV shall be assessed ten penalty points for each occurrence if the date of the violation is within ten years of the date of the driving record evaluation; and
- (5) convictions for violations included in Table V shall be assessed ten penalty points for each occurrence if the date of the violation is within ten years of the date of the driving record evaluation.
- (e) The assessment of penalty points is not required for any entry which does not appear in the alphabetized table listings. However, any entry which is deemed comparable to one appearing in these tables shall be assessed an equivalent number of penalty points.
- (f) Appeal procedure for assessment of points due to crash involvement. Two points shall automatically be assessed for a crash involvement occurring within three years of the date of the driver record evaluation which appears on the driver history record. Applicants assessed two points for crash involvements appearing on their driving record may request a review by the person designated by the employer to determine if they were a cause of the crash(es). The applicant must identify the specific crash involvement(s) to be reviewed. Request a copy of the crash report(s) on the approved form. Mail the form to Crash Records, Texas Department of Transportation at the address listed on the form. The designated person shall review information pertinent to the crash(es), which should include the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report. In examining this report, consideration of such items as Charges Filed, Investigator's Narrative of What Happened, Diagram, and Factors/Conditions Contributing to the Crash should assist in making a determination as to whether or not the assessment of penalty points is appropriate. If the designated person reviews the crash report and any other pertinent information and determines that the applicant was not a cause of the crash(es), no penalty points shall be assessed. If the designated person determines that the applicant was a cause of the crash(es), two penalty points shall be assessed for each crash. The decision of the employer is final.
- (g) Disqualifications. A school bus driver who is disqualified shall not drive a school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus. An employer shall not require or permit a driver who is disqualified to drive a school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus.
- (1) A school bus driver is disqualified for the duration of the driver's loss of his/her privilege to operate a motor vehicle either temporarily or permanently, by reason of the revocation, suspension, withdrawal, or denial of an operator's license, permit, or privilege until that operator's license, permit, or privilege is restored by the authority that revoked, suspended, withdrew, or denied it.

- (2) A school bus driver who receives a notice that his/her license, permit, or privilege to operate a motor vehicle has been revoked, suspended, or withdrawn shall notify the employer that employs him/her of the contents of the notice before the end of the business day following the day the driver received it.
- (h) Mandatory Disqualifying Offenses. A person shall be considered disqualified from operating a school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus for the following:
- (1) Within the 10-year period preceding the date of the check of the person's driving record for a conviction of the following offenses:
 - (A) Texas Penal Code, §49.04; or
 - (B) Texas Penal Code, §49.045; or
 - (C) Texas Penal Code, §49.07; or
 - (D) Texas Penal Code, §49.08.
- (2) A suspension, disqualification, or prohibition order issued as a result of any alcohol-related or drug-related enforcement contact, as defined in the Texas Transportation Code, §524.001, during the ten years preceding the date of the check of the person's driving record.
- (i) Credit for concurrent suspension arising from same drug or alcohol-related incident. If a criminal conviction occurs that arises out of the same arrest as the Administrative License Revocation suspension/disqualification, the disqualification period arising out of the same arrest shall not be longer than ten years.

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TABLE I SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' DRIVING RECORD EVALUATION

Assess one (1) penalty point for each conviction if the date of the violation is within three (3) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

Brakes not on all wheels required Muffler violation

Carry passenger without a helmet No automatic brake application on breakaway (trailer)

Clearance lamps improperly mounted

No beam indicator

Clearance lights not visible sufficient distance

No clearance lamps

Defective parking lamp(s)

No double trailer endorsement (CDL)

Defective safety glazing material No fire extinguisher

Defective stop lamp(s)

No front seat belts (when required)

Defective tail lamp(s)

No hazmat endorsement (CDL)

Defective turn signal lamps

No head lamp(s) - not equipped

Defective windshield wiper

No motorcycle endorsement

Driving safety course sec. 143(a)(1)

No mud flaps or improper mud flaps

Endorsement violation CDL No multiple-beam road lighting equipment

Fail to give info/render aid No parking lamps

Hazardous material placard violation

No passenger vehicle endorsement (CDL)

Head lamps glaring not adjusted

No reflector(s) when required

Identification lamps not visible sufficient distance

No school bus endorsement (CDL)

Improper flashing lights

No stop lamps

Improper use of back-up lamp

No tail lamp(s) - not equipped

Improperly directed or adjusted lamp(s)

No tank vehicle endorsement (CDL)

Mirror violation No turn signal lamps when required

More than four driving lamps lighted

No white flag on tow chain (or cable)

Assess one (1) penalty point for each conviction if the date of the violation is within three (3) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

No windshield wiper Too many spot lamps

Pull more than one trailer or other vehicle

Unauthorized glass coating material

Red light(s) on front Warning devices not installed or defective

Reflectors improperly mounted Wrong color back-up lamp

Reflectors not visible sufficient distance Wrong color clearance lamp(s)

Side marker lamps not visible sufficient distance

Wrong color identification lamps

Slow-moving vehicle emblem violation Wrong color license plate light

Tail lamp(s) improperly located Wrong color reflectors

Too many auxiliary driving lamps Wrong color side marker

Too many auxiliary passing lamps Wrong color signal device

Too many fog lamps Wrong color spotlight

TABLE II SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' DRIVING RECORD EVALUATION

Assess **two (2) penalty points** if the date of occurrence is within three (3) years of the date of the driving record evaluation. Persons disqualified because of penalty points assessed for crash* involvement shall be notified of their right to a review. (See below for review procedure)

Accident Accident non-incapacitating injury

Accident citation issued Accident non-injury

Accident fatal Accident no citation issued

Accident incapacitating injury

Accident possible injury

REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR DISQUALIFICATION APPEAL (2 point penalty assessments under Table II)

Two (2) points shall automatically be assessed for a crash involvement occurring within three (3) years of the date of the driver record evaluation which appears on the driver history record. Applicants disqualified on the basis of penalty points assessed for crash involvements appearing on their driving record may request a review by the person(s) designated by the employer to determine if they were a cause of the crash(es). The applicant must identify the specific crash involvement(s) to be reviewed. Request a copy of the crash report(s) on the approved form. Mail the form to Crash Records, Texas Department of Transportation at the address listed on the form.

The designated person(s) shall review information pertinent to the crash(es), which should include the **Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report**. In examining this report, consideration of such items as Charges Filed, Investigators' Narrative of What Happened, Diagram, and Factors/Conditions Contributing to the Crash should assist in making a determination as to whether or not the assessment of penalty points is appropriate.

If the designated person(s) reviews the crash report and any other pertinent information and determines that the applicant was not a cause of the crash(es), no penalty points should be assessed. If the designated person(s) determines that the applicant was a cause of the crash(es), two (2) penalty points shall be assessed for each crash.

^{*}The terms "crash" and "accident" shall be used interchangeably.

TABLE III SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' DRIVING RECORD EVALUATION

Assess three (3) penalty points for each conviction if the date of violation is within three (3) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

Allow passenger to stand/sit improperly on a school bus

Cut corner left turn

Bus driver failed to activate warning signal/equipment

Cut in after passing

Bus failed to stop at RR crossing

Did not use designated lane or direction

Bus shifting gears while crossing RR tracks

Display fictitious driver license

Careless driving Disregard solid green turn signal arrow

Carry motorcycle passenger under 5; except in side car Disregard warning signs or barricades

Changed lane when unsafe Disregarded flashing red signal (at stop sign, etc.)

Child passenger safety seat offense Disregarded flashing yellow signal

Coasting Disregarded lane control signal

Coasting (truck, truck tractor or bus, specify) with clutch disengaged

Disregarded no lane change sign

Consume alcohol while driving

Disregarded no passing zone

Crossed RR with heavy equipment without notice Disregarded warning sign at construction

Crossed RR with heavy equipment without stop (or safety)

Drawbar over 15 feet

Crossing fire hose without permission

Drive into block where fire engine stopped

Crossing physical barrier Driving around barricades

Cut across driveway to make turn

Driver opened door in moving traffic

Disregarded police officer Drove center lane (not passing, not turning left)

Disregarded RR crossing gate or flagman

Drove on or across streetcar track where prohibited

Disregarded signal at RR crossing Drove on sidewalk

Disregarded traffic control device Drove on wrong side—RR crossing

Assess three (3) penalty points for each conviction if the date of violation is within three (3) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

Drove on wrong side of divided highway

Fail to pass met vehicle to right

Drove on wrong side of road Fail to pass to right safely

Drove on wrong side road approaching intersection Fail to signal for stop

Drove wrong side of road approaching RR grade crossing

Fail to signal required distance before turning

Drove on wrong side road awaiting access to ferry

Fail to signal turn

Drove onto (or from) controlled access highway where prohibited Fail to signal with turn indicator

Drove through safety zone Fail to sound horn-mountain road

Drove to left of rotary traffic island

Fail to stop at marked RR crossing

Drove without lights-when required Fail to stop at proper place (at traffic light)

Drove wrong way on one-way roadway

Fail to stop at proper place (flashing red signal)

Fail to comply with requirements on striking fixtures on highway

Fail to stop at proper place (not intersection)

Fail to comply with requirements on striking unattended vehicle

Fail to stop for approaching train

Fail to control speed Fail to stop for school bus (or remain stopped, specify)

Fail to dim headlights-following

Fail to stop for streetcar-or stop at wrong location

Fail to dim headlights-meeting Fail to stop-designated point-at stop sign

Fail to drive in single lane

Fail to stop-designated point-at yield sign

Fail to give hand signals when required Fail to stop-emerging from alley, driveway or building

Fail to give one-half of roadway

Fail to use due care for pedestrian

Fail to give way when overtaken Fail to use proper headlight beam

Fail to keep right on mountain roadway

Fail to yield at stop intersection

Fail to pass left safely Fail to yield at yield intersection

Assess three (3) penalty points for each conviction if the date of violation is within three (3) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

Fail to yield right of way Failed to signal lane change

Fail to yield right of way from private road

Fail to yield for blind or incapacitated person

Fail to yield right of way - changing lanes Fleeing from police officer

Fail to yield right of way - turning right on red signal Following ambulance

Fail to yield right of way at open intersection (specify type)

Following fire apparatus

Fail to yield right of way leaving (private drive, alley, building)

Following too closely

Fail to yield right of way on green arrow signal Following too closely--truck

Fail to yield right of way on green signal Following too closely--caravan

Fail to yield right of way on left at obstruction Heavy equipment disregarded signal of train

Fail to yield right of way to emergency vehicle Illegal backing

Fail to yield right of way to pedestrian at signal intersection Illegal load extension

Fail to yield right of way to pedestrian in crosswalk

Illegal pass on right

Fail to yield right of way to pedestrian in crosswalk-no signal Illegally passed streetcar

Fail to yield right of way to pedestrian on sidewalk

Impeding traffic

Fail to yield right of way to pedestrian-green arrow signal Improper lane change

Fail to yield right of way to pedestrian turning right or left at Improper lookout

intersection Improper passing

Fail to yield right of way-turning left (at intersection, alley, private road Improper turn

or driveway) Improper turn or stop hand signal

Fail to yield to vehicle in intersection Improper use of auxiliary driving lamps

Fail to yield to vehicle leaving highway

Improper use of auxiliary passing lamps

Assess three (3) penalty points for each conviction if the date of violation is within three (3) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

Improper use of fog lamps

Operate school bus over passenger design capacity

Improper use of lighting-hwy. equip.

Operate school bus with door open

Improper use of spot lamps

Operate vehicle with more than one passenger-minor

Improper use of turn indicator Operate vehicle where prohibited

Increased speed while being overtaken

Operate vehicle with child in open bed

Interfere with funeral procession Parked double

Interfere with streetcar Parked on a bridge or in a tunnel

Leaving scene of accident Parked on crosswalk

Lack of caution on green arrow signal Parked on grade-failed to turn wheels

Made a U-turn on curve or hill Parked on roadway

Negligent collision Parked with headlamps not dimmed

No commercial driver license (CDL)

Parked within an intersection

No driver license Parked without lights

No flag or projecting load-daytime Parked without locking ignition and/or removing key

No lamps (or reflectors) on project load at night Passed streetcar on left w/out reducing speed or w/out caution

No seat belt-driver Passed through barricade

No seat belt-passenger Passed vehicle stopped for pedestrian

Obstructed view through windshield Passed-insufficient clearance

Obstructing traffic Passengers/load obstruct drivers view or control

Open container DRIVER Passing authorized emergency vehicle

Operate motorcycle without approved headgear Permitted/operated unsafe vehicle

Assess three (3) penalty points for each conviction if the date of violation is within three (3) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

Person(s) riding in trailer or semi-trailer Turned so as to impede or interfere with streetcar

Prohibited motor vehicle on controlled-access highway

Turned when unsafe

Racing-drag racing-acceleration contest, etc.

Unauthorized use of siren, bell or whistle (moved from Table I)

Ran red light

Unrestrained child under 4 or less than 36 inches in height not secured

Ran stop sign by child passenger safety seat

Reckless driving Unrestrained child - safety seat violation

Restriction violation-CDL Unsafe speed (too fast for conditions)

Riding boat/watercraft drawn by vehicle

Unsafe start

Slower vehicle failed to keep right

Unsafe start from parked, stopped or standing position

Speed under minimum

Use of school bus signal for wrong purpose

Speeding Use/operate/install/purchase/sell radar interference device

Speeding-10 mph maximum for solid tire

Use wireless device while driving bus

Speeding-15 miles or over (CDL)

Use wireless device while driving--minor

Speeding > 10% above posted speed limit

Use wireless device in school zone

Speeding over limit Vehicle hauling explosives (or flammable materials) failed to stop

Speeding--school zone at RR crossing

Too many riders on motorcycle

Vehicle hailing explosives failed to reduce speed at RR crossing

Turned across dividing section Vehicle without required equipment or in unsafe condition

Turned left from wrong lane

Violate DL restriction on occupational license

Turned right from wrong lane

Violate DL restrictions

Turned right too wide

Assess three (3) penalty points for each conviction if the date of violation is within three (3) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

Violate operating hours--minor Warning devices not displayed (flags, fuses, flares, reflectors)

Violated out of service order Wrong side of road-not passing

Violated out-of-service order hazmat and/or passenger Wrong side, 4 or more lane, two-way roadway

TABLE IV SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' DRIVING RECORD EVALUATION

Assess ten (10) penalty points for each conviction if the date of the violation is within ten (10) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

Aggravated assault with motor vehicle Driving while license invalid bond forfeiture

Alcohol beverage code offense Driving while license disqualified-CMV

Boating while intoxicated Drug offense

Controlled substance act offense Drug offense-bond forfeiture

Criminal negligent homicide with motor vehicle-1st or 2nd degree Fail to stop and render aid-felony

Dangerous drug act offense Fail to stop and render aid-misdemeanor

Driving under influence Felony-use of CMV

Driving under influence (DUI)-minor Felony-use of CMV-controlled substance

Driving while impaired Intoxication assault

Driving while intoxicated Intoxication assault motor vehicle

Driving while intoxicated – w/child under 15 Intoxication manslaughter

Driving while intoxicated-probated Intoxication manslaughter motor vehicle

Driving while intoxicated bond forfeiture

Involuntary manslaughter with motor vehicle

Driving while license invalid Volatile chemical act offense

TABLE V SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' DRIVING RECORD EVALUATION

Assess ten (10) penalty points for each conviction if the date of the violation is within ten (10) years of the date of the driving record evaluation.

ALR CMV disqualification - .04 or more ALR suspension - failure

ALR CMV disqualification - .04 or more HAZMAT ALR suspension - refusal

ALR CMV disqualification - refusal ALR suspension – Under 21 – Refusal

ALR CMV disqualification - refusal - HAZMAT ALR suspension – Under 21 - Failure

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER RECORD EVALUATION PENALTY POINTS TABLE REVISIONS

TABLE I

Moved to Table III

Unauthorized use of siren, bell or whistle

Added

Endorsement violation CDL Fail to give info/render aid No double trailer endorsement (CDL) No hazmat endorsement (CDL)

No passenger vehicle endorsement (CDL) No school bus endorsement (CDL) No tank vehicle endorsement (CDL)

TABLE III

Moved from Table I

Unauthorized use of siren, bell or whistle

Added

Allow passenger to stand/sit improperly on a school bus

Carry motorcycle passenger under 5; except in a side car

Coasting (truck, truck tractor or bus, specify) with clutch engaged

Crossing fire hose without permission Disregard solid green turn signal arrow Disregard warning signs or barricades Drive into block where fire engine stopped Driving around barricades

Drove center lane (not passing, not turning left)

Drove on wrong side—RR crossing

Drove on wrong side of approaching bridge

Drove on wrong side road approaching intersection

Drove wrong side of road approaching RR grade crossing

Drove on wrong side road awaiting access

Fail to give hand signals when required

Fail to pass left safely

Fail to pass right safely

Fail to signal turn

Fail to stop-designated point-at stop sign

Fail to yield right of way from private road

Fail to yield right of way on green arrow

Fail to yield right of way to pedestrian turning

right or left at intersection

Failed to yield to vehicle in intersection

Failed to yield to vehicle leaving highway

Failed to signal lane change

Improper passing

Improper use of auxiliary passing lamps

Improper use of lighting-hwy. equip.

Improper use of turn indicator

Leaving scene of accident

Negligent collision

No commercial driver license (CDL)

Open container DRIVER

Operate school bus over passenger design

capacity

Operate school bus with door open

Operate vehicle with more than one passenger-minor

Passed street car on left without reducing

speed or without caution

Passed authorized emergency vehicle

Permitted/operated unsafe vehicle

Person(s) riding in trailer or semi-trailer

Riding boat/watercraft drawn by vehicle

Turned as to impede or interfere with streetcar

Unsafe start

Use of school bus signal for wrong purpose

Use/operate/install/purchase/sell radar

interference device

Use wireless device while driving school bus

Use wireless device while driving--minor

Use wireless device while in school zone

Vehicle without required equipment or in

unsafe condition

Violate operating hours--minor

Violated out of service order

Violated out-of-service order hazmat and/or passenger

Following fire apparatus

TABLE III (continued)

Modified Wording

From

Child (4-17) not secured by safety belt

Speeding – 15 miles or over

Speeding 10% or over

To

Child passenger safety seat offense Speeding -15 miles or over (CDL)

Speeding > 10% above posted speed limit

TABLE IV

Added

Driving while impaired Intoxication assault motor vehicle Intoxication manslaughter motor vehicle

Modified Wording

From

Criminal negligent homicide-1st or 2nd degree

Involuntary manslaughter

To

Criminal negligent homicide with motor

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Involuntary manslaughter with motor vehicle

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Applicability of School Bus Driver Safety Training Program

- (a) The School Bus Driver Safety Training Program is applicable to all school bus drivers.
- (b) This subchapter is not applicable to a mechanic or other occasional driver who only operates an empty school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus.

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RULE §14.32 School Bus Driver Safety Training Program

The school bus driver safety training program shall be provided in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) the school bus driver safety training program shall be administered by the approved training agency;
- (2) the department shall have primary responsibility for program content, monitoring, and regulation; and for providing technical assistance to the training agency;
- (3) program standards for providing school bus driver safety training shall include the following:
- (A) the initial certification safety training course, Texas School Bus Driver Certification Course, shall consist of a minimum of twenty clock-hours of instruction;
- (B) the recertification safety training course, Texas School Bus Driver Recertification Course, shall consist of a minimum of eight clock-hours of instruction;
- (C) individual class sessions shall be limited in duration to a maximum of four hours of instruction on a workday and eight hours of instruction on a non-workday. Rest breaks of no more than ten minutes are permitted between each consecutive hour of instruction;
- (D) enrollment for individual classes shall be limited to a maximum of 35 trainees per certified instructor. A minimum of one certified instructor shall be in attendance during any class session;
- (E) when scheduling and registering for classes, priority shall be given to those persons holding an enrollment certificate;
- (F) reasonable accommodations may be requested for persons with certain disabilities who attend training classes and need auxiliary aids or services, such as an interpreter for the deaf or hearing impaired. Such requests should be directed to the appropriate training agency at least seven business days prior to the start of course instruction so that appropriate arrangements can be made;
- (G) each trainee shall be given the opportunity to complete a course evaluation report at the end of each session; and
- (H) any modifications to the program standards for the School Bus Driver Safety Training Program shall not be implemented by the training agency without prior approval of the department.

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RULE §14.33 School Bus Driver Safety Training Program Curriculum

- (a) The curriculum for the school bus driver safety training program will be developed by the department and approved by the director, or designee.
- (b) The certification course shall include instruction in each of the four sessions comprising the current Texas School Bus Driver Certification Course as developed by Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) and approved by the department. At least four hours of each course shall be devoted to relevant and appropriate laboratory activities.
- (c) The recertification course shall include instruction in each of the eight modules comprising the current Texas School Bus Driver Certification Course as developed by Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) and approved by the department.
- (d) Any modifications to the School Bus Driver Safety Training Program curriculum shall not be implemented by the training agency without prior approval of the department.

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(a) To be eligible for instructor certification, an applicant must possess at least one of the following prerequisites:

Instructor Certification

- (1) a valid "Texas Teacher Certificate";
- (2) a minimum of two years of administrative or supervisory experience in school transportation; or
- (3) a minimum of two years of work experience or study in driver training, traffic safety education, or a related field.
- (b) In addition to the prerequisite(s) in subsection (a) of this section, an applicant may qualify for instructor certification only after meeting all of the following requirements:
 - (1) complete the certification course;
- (2) serve as a student instructor for a certification course while practice teaching under the direct supervision of a currently certified instructor; and
- (3) receive official approval from the sponsoring training agency.
- (c) Upon satisfactory completion of all requirements, the training agency shall issue a qualified applicant an "Instructor's Certificate for School Bus Driver Safety Training in Texas", and properly submit the necessary verification information electronically to the department no later than thirty calendar days after issuance.

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(d) Except as approved by the department, each instructor must teach a minimum of one certification course and one recertification course each calendar year in order to maintain current instructor certification status.

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RULE §14.35 School Bus Driver Certification

(a) To obtain full initial school bus driver certification, a person must satisfactorily complete the certification course. The training agency shall issue a "Texas School Bus Driver Safety Training Certificate," and submit the necessary verification information electronically to the department within thirty days of course completion.

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- (b) Driver certification will remain valid for a period of three years as indicated by the expiration date on the certificate.
- (c) Every school bus driver must hold a valid certificate stating that they have completed, or are enrolled in, the approved school bus driver safety training course.
- (d) Any school bus driver whose certification has expired shall not operate a school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus until such time as they become recertified or obtain an enrollment certificate. The following rules shall apply to certification renewals:
- (1) To avoid a lapse in certification, the recertification course must be completed prior to expiration. The recertification course shall be completed during the 180 day period immediately preceding certification expiration. If the required training is completed within this preferred time interval, certification will then be renewed for a period of three years from the upcoming expiration date indicated on the current certificate.
- (2) If the recertification course is completed more than 180 days prior to certification expiration, certification will then be renewed for a period of three years from the actual date of course completion.
- (3) During the 12-month interval immediately following certification expiration, the recertification course may be completed for certification renewal. Certification will then be renewed for a period of three years from the actual date of course completion. Failure to satisfactorily complete the recertification course during this time frame will require completion of the initial certification course to reinstate certification status. During this time period, a person shall not drive a school bus, school activity bus, or multifunction school activity bus unless he/she has received an enrollment certificate. Issuance of an enrollment certificate during this dormant time interval will require the successful completion of the certification course in order to reinstate full certification status.
- (e) Regardless of the reason, any course instruction missed must be completed by arrangement with the training agency. Except as approved by the training agency, all course requirements for certification must be completed within the 180-day period immediately following the start of instruction, otherwise no credit will be given for any class sessions previously attended. The entire course must be completed prior to awarding certification.

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RULE §14.36 Enrollment Certificate

- (a) A training agency may grant a qualified applicant temporary and provisional certification status in the form of an "Enrollment Certificate" upon receipt of a completed application from the requesting employer stating that this person has fulfilled all of the following eligibility requirements:
- (1) at least 18 years of age;
- (2) possess a valid driver's license designating a class appropriate (with applicable endorsements, if commercial driver license) for the gross vehicle weight rating and manufacturer's designed passenger capacity of motor vehicle to be operated;
- (3) an acceptable driving record determined in accordance with §14.14 of this title (relating to Minimum Driving Record Qualifications);
- (4) an acceptable criminal history record, secured from any law enforcement agency or criminal justice agency, and reviewed in accordance with the provisions of current state statute (see Chapter 22 of the Texas Education Code);
- (5) meets the medical qualifications as specified in §14.12 of this title (relating to Medical Qualifications) and any pre-employment testing in accordance with current federal law; and
- (6) each employer must ensure that all school bus drivers have an acceptable level of knowledge and skill regarding the safe operation of school buses, school activity buses, and/or multifunction school activity buses. It is the employer's inherent responsibility to ensure that the driver understands the contents of the current Texas School Bus Driver Certification Course.

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- (b) In addition to the prerequisites listed in subsection (a) of this section, the following rules shall apply to the issuance of all enrollment certificates:
- (1) recipients must register for the first available twenty-hour certification course as determined by the training agency. Except as approved by the training agency, failure to satisfactorily complete the school bus driver certification course as scheduled shall result in revocation of the enrollment certificate;
- (2) enrollment certificates shall be dated to expire no later than 180 days past the date issued. Except as approved by the training agency, a minimum of five years must elapse between the issuance of consecutive enrollment certificates;
- (3) an enrollment certificate shall be similar to the standard school bus driver safety training certificate and contain the words, "Enrollment Certificate" either stamped or printed diagonally across the face of

the training certificate; and

(4) the training agency shall submit to the department the necessary verification information electronically for all enrollment certifications within thirty days of issuance.

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RULE §14.51 Applicability

- (a) This subchapter is applicable to all school districts and county transportation systems that own, operate, rent, contract or lease school buses and those commercial transportation companies which contract with a public school or county transportation system to transport public school students in school buses.
- (b) In this subchapter, the term "school district" also means an open enrollment charter school authorized by the Texas Education Code, Chapter 12, Subchapters D and E that is providing transportation according to Texas Education Code, §34.003.
- (c) A private school, defined as a non-profit entity that provides elementary or secondary education that incorporates an adopted curriculum designed to meet basic educational goals and which conducts formal reviews and documentation of student progress, must only comply with §14.52 of this title (relating to Texas School Bus Specifications) and §14.53 of this title (relating to Purchases of Used School Buses) as applicable.

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RULE §14.52 Texas School Bus Specifications

(a) All school bus chassis and body manufacturers shall certify to the department, in the form of a letter, that all school buses offered for sale to or use by the public school systems in Texas meet or exceed all standards, specifications, and requirements as specified in the department's publication Texas School Bus Specifications. The department hereby adopts the Texas School Bus Specifications for 2016 Model School Buses. Previously published Texas School Bus Specifications remain in effect for earlier model year school buses until the department repeals these publications.

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- (b) All school bus chassis and body manufacturers shall certify to the department, in the form of a letter, that all multifunction school activity buses offered for sale to or use by the public school systems in Texas meet or exceed all federal standards, specifications, and requirements of a multifunction school activity bus as specified in the Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 571.
- (1) A multifunction school activity bus may be painted any color except National School Bus Glossy Yellow.
- (2) A multifunction school activity bus cannot be used for home to school or school to home transportation. Before delivery of a multifunction school activity bus, the manufacturer must place a label in the direct line of site of the driver while seated in the driver's seat stating: 'This vehicle is not to be used for home to school or school to home transportation.'
- (c) Any new school bus found out of compliance with the specifications that were in effect in Texas on the date the vehicle was manufactured will be placed out of service by the vehicle's owner until it is brought into compliance with the applicable specifications.

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RULE §14.53 Purchases of Used School Buses

- (a) Used school buses purchased or operated by a public school system in Texas shall meet or exceed all Federal and State requirements for public school buses that were in effect in Texas on the date the vehicle was manufactured. Prior to the sale, the dealer selling the used school bus must provide the buyer (school district) with:
- (1) Documentation of their "Dealer General Distinguishing Number" which is required by Texas Transportation Code, §503.029.
- (2) Documentation of what state the used school bus was originally manufactured.
- (3) A copy of the specifications the school bus was originally manufactured to.
- (4) Documentation of all modifications that were made to each school bus to bring it into compliance with Texas School Bus Specifications that were in place on the date the school bus was originally manufactured.
- (b) Public school districts or contractors must notify the department in writing within 30 days of purchasing any used school bus. The notification must include:
- (1) The date of purchase and delivery.
- (2) The name of the dealer and the dealer's General Distinguishing Number from whom the used school bus was purchased.
- (3) Who manufactured the school bus, date of manufacture, and to which states' specifications the school bus was manufactured.
- (c) Used school buses purchased by school districts that were not originally manufactured to Texas specifications at the time the school bus was manufactured may be inspected by the department to verify compliance with the applicable federal and state specifications.
- (d) Any used school bus, as described in subsection (a) of this section, found out of compliance with the specifications that were in effect in Texas on the date the vehicle was manufactured will be placed out of service by the vehicle's owner until it is brought into compliance with the applicable specifications.
- (e) A private school must comply with this subsection except for requirements to report the purchase of a used school bus to the department.

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 School Bus Emergency Evacuation Training

- (a) School districts and charter schools will be responsible for developing the school bus emergency evacuation training curriculum based on the most recent edition of the National School Transportation Specifications and Procedures, as adopted by the National Congress on School Transportation, or a similar school transportation safety manual.
- (b) For purposes of conducting school bus emergency evacuation training, the term "fall" shall be defined as July 1 to December 31.
- (c) School districts and charter schools are encouraged to make a good faith effort to ensure that all students, teachers, and appropriate staff receive the school bus emergency evacuation training at least once each school year.
- (d) Reporting Requirements.
- (1) A record of each school bus emergency evacuation training session conducted must be submitted on a form prescribed by the department that is available at the following internet web site address: http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/forms. All information requested on the form must be completed. The completed form must be mailed to School Bus Transportation, Texas Department of Public Safety, P.O. Box 4087, Austin, Texas 78773-0525 or submitted via electronic mail to sbt@txdps.state.tx.us.
- (2) Reports must be submitted not later than the 30th day after the date each training session is completed.

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RULE §14.61 Applicability

This subchapter is applicable to all school buses used to transport preprimary, primary, and secondary public school students.

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RULE §14.62 Material and Attachment

- (a) Advertisements must be of a durable material or paint.
- (b) If the advertisement is removed or substantially damaged to the point that it is no longer in a serviceable condition, the bus shall be returned to its original color or the advertisement shall be replaced.
- (c) The advertisement shall not extend from the body intentionally or due to damage so as to allow a handhold or present a danger to pedestrians.
- (d) No brackets or hardware shall be applied to the exterior of a bus to hold advertisements.

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RULE §14.63 Location

- (a) The location of an advertisement(s) on the exterior of a bus shall be limited to:
- (1) the left rear quarter-panel of the bus, beginning at least three inches behind the rear wheel and not closer than four inches from the lower edge of the window line; and
- (2) above the windows on the right and left sides of the bus, near the rear of the vehicle, not to extend forward of the rear axle.
- (b) Advertisement(s) shall be at least three inches from any required lettering, lamp, wheel well, reflector, or emergency exit location.
- (c) Advertisement(s) shall not be placed on or interfere with the operation of any door, window, lamp, reflector, or other device.
- (d) Any reflective tape between the floorline and beltline of the bus which is covered by an advertisement should be replaced above or below the advertisement.

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RULE §14.64 Permitted Space

- (a) The maximum covered area allowed for advertising on the left rear quarter panel of a bus shall be contained within a block 30 inches in height and 90 inches in length.
- (b) The maximum covered area allowed for advertising above the windows on the left and right sides of the bus shall be contained within a block 18 inches in height and 108 inches in length, per side.

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RULE §14.65 Reporting

- (a) It shall be the responsibility of the school district to provide the School Bus Transportation Program at the department written notification of:
- (1) the number of buses displaying exterior advertising or another paid announcement operated by or for the school district; and
- (2) any crash directly or indirectly involving a bus operated by or for the school district which bears advertising or another paid announcement on the exterior of the vehicle.
- (A) A bus directly involved in a crash is a motor vehicle crash in which a bus, with or without a pupil on board, is involved as a contact vehicle.
- (B) A bus indirectly involved in a crash is a motor vehicle crash in which a bus, with or without a pupil on board, is involved as a non-contact vehicle. Some examples of a school bus as a non-contact vehicle indirectly involved in a crash include:
- (i) a crash involving a motor vehicle passing a school bus which is stopped with its red lights flashing; or
- (ii) a crash in which a child approaching or leaving a school bus, stopped with its red lights flashing, is struck; or
- (iii) a crash involving a motor vehicle lawfully stopped for a school bus which is stopped with its red lights flashing.
- (b) Notice shall be received by the department on or before September 1 of each year reporting the number of buses bearing advertising or another paid announcement on the exterior of the vehicle. Only school districts involved in an advertising program are required to report.
- (c) Notice shall be received by the department not more than five days from the date of the crash. Notice shall include the following:
- (1) the name and address of the owner of the bus;
- (2) the name and driver license number of the school bus driver;
- (3) the date of the crash;
- (4) the city or county where the crash occurred; and

- (5) the investigating police agency.
- (d) Notice shall be delivered by one of the following methods:
- (1) facsimile at (512) 424-2238;
- (2) electronic mail at sbt@txdps.state.tx.us; or
- (3) mailed to School Bus Transportation, Texas Department of Public Safety, P.O. Box 4087, Austin, Texas 78773-0525.

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MAIL TO: SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BOX 4087, AUSTIN, TX, 78773-0525

SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION						
DISTRICT NAME			DISTRICT NUMBER			
MAILING ADDRESS						
PHONE NUMBER		FAX NUMBER				
NAME OF TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR OR DE	NAME OF TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE					
	SCHOOL BUS FL	EET INFORMATION				
OWNER/LEASEHOLDER						
TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSES BEARING ADVERTI	SEMENT					
SCHOOL BUS TYPE [] TYPE A (check all that apply)	[] TYPE B	[] TYPE C	[] TYPE D	[] OTHER		
		0000000				
		FT				
NAME(S) & TYPE(S) OF ADVERTISEMENT	DESCRIPTION OF	ADVERTISEMENT(S)				
LOCATION & SIZE OF ADVERTISEMENT (check	all that apply)					
LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL O	F THE SCHOOL BUS (contained with	thin a block 30" in height and	90" in length)			
ABOVE THE WINDOWS ON THE LEFT AND/OR RIGHT SIDE OF THE SCHOOL BUS (contained within a block 18" in height and 108" in length, per side)						
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS REGARDING ADVERTISEMENT(S):						
NOTE: ALL ADVERTISING SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH 37 TAC CHAPTER 14, SUBCHAPTER E						
SUBMITTED BY:						
	NAME (PRINT)			TITLE		
	SIGNATURE			DATE		



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT REPORT WITH ADVERTISEMENT

MAIL TO: SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BOX 4087, AUSTIN, TX, 78773-0525

I. GENERAL INFORMATION						
1. SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME		2. DISTRICT NUMBER				
3. SCHOOL DISTRICT ADDRESS		4. CITATION ISSUED TO BUS DRIVER YES NO				
5. CITY/LOCATION WHERE ACCIDENT OCCUR	5. CITY/LOCATION WHERE ACCIDENT OCCURED					
7. DATE OF ACCIDENT	8. DAY OF ACCIDENT	9. TIME OF ACCIDENT AM				
10. USE OF BUS AT TIME OF ACCIDENT ROUTE (TO & FROM SCHOOL/HOME) SPECIAL EDUCATION FIELD/ACTIVITY TRIP OTHER 13. TOTAL NUMBER OF INJURIES	11. NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON BUS PUPILS AIDES DRIVERS OTHER 14. TOTAL NUMBER OF FATALITIES					
II. INFORMATION REGARDING SCHO	OOL BUS IN ACCIDENT					
1. OWNER/LEASEHOLDER		2. MODEL YEAR				
3. BODY MAKE	3. BODY MAKE 4. CHASSIS MAKE					
5. RATED CAPACITY	6. TYPE OF TRANSMISSION STANDARD AUTO	7. INSPECTION TYPE STATE COMMERCIAL				
8. SCHOOL BUS TYPE [] TYPE A [] TYPE B [] TYPE C [] TYPE D [] OTHER						
7. WHEEL CHAIR RESTRAINTS YES IN USE YES	NO DRIVER SEAT RESTRAINTS NO YES	IN USE SEAT RESTRAINT TYPE NO LAP/SHOULDER LAP				
11. PASSENGER RESTRAINTS YES NO LAP/SHOULD IN USE YES NO LAP		12. OTHER SPECIAL LIGHTS / EQUIPMENT				
III. INFORMATION REGARDING SCHOOL BUS DRIVER						
1. NAME						
2. DRIVER LICENSE NO. 3. DATE OF BIRTH						
4. EMPLOYER						
8. DRIVER TRAINING BUS DRIVER ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATE BUS DRIVER CERTIFICATION BUS DRIVER RE-CERTIFICATION BUS DRIVER RE-CERTIFICATION TYES NO EXPIRATION DATE NO EXPIRATION DATE						

IV. DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)				
V. WEATHER AND ROAD CONDITIONS				
1. CHARACTERISTICS OF ROAD a. STRAIGHT e. DRIVEWAY b. CURVE f. PARKING LOT C. HILL g. OTHER 3. LIGHT CONDITION a. DAWN b. DAYLIGHT c. DUSK d. DARK – ARTIFICALLY ILLUMINATED e. DARK – NO ILLUMINATION VI. DESCRIPTION OF ADVERTISING 1. NAME/TYPE 2. LOCATION(S) OF ADVERTISEMENT 4. COMMENTS	2. CONDITION OF ROAD a. WET b. DRY c. ICE d. SNOW-COVERED 4. WEATHER CONDITIONS a. CLEAR b. SLEET c. RAIN d. FOG e. SNOW 3. SIZE OF ADVERTI	e. MUDDY f. HOLES g. UNDER REPAIR OTHER SPECIFY f. SMOG/SMOKE g. DUST h. ICE FOG i. WIND j. OTHER SPECIFY		
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