

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 276
SENATE BILL 573

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS BE AT LEAST SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-245(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Each local board, which elects to operate a school bus transportation system, shall employ the necessary drivers for such school buses. The drivers shall have all qualifications prescribed by the regulations of the State Board of Education herein provided for and must be at least 17 years old and have at least six months driving experience as a licensed operator of a motor vehicle before employment as a regular or substitute driver, but the selection and employment of each driver shall be made by the local board of education, and the driver shall be the employee of such local school administrative unit. Each local board of education shall assign the bus drivers employed by it to the respective schools within the jurisdiction of such board, and the principal of each such school shall assign the drivers to the school buses to be driven by them. No school bus shall at any time be driven or operated by any person other than the bus driver assigned by such principal to such bus except by the express direction of such principal or in accordance with rules and regulations of the appropriate local board of education."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 1988.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 4th day of June, 1987.