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HOUSE BILL 273

Short Title: School Bus Drivers.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dawkins; Justus and Bowman.

Referred to: Education.

February 20, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND TO REQUIRE ALL DRIVERS OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY BUSES TO HAVE CLASS A OR B LICENSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-218(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) No person shall drive or operate a school bus over the public roads of North Carolina while the same is occupied by children unless said person shall be fully trained in the operation of motor vehicles, and shall furnish to the superintendent of the schools of the county in which said bus shall be operated a certificate from any representative duly designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and the chief mechanic in charge of school buses in said county showing that he has been examined by a representative duly designated by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, and said chief mechanic in charge of school buses in said county and that he is a fit and competent person to operate or drive a school bus over the public roads of the State. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 20-7(a)(3), the driver of a school bus must be at least ~~16-18~~ years of age and hold a driver's license of Class 'A', 'B', or 'C' and a school bus driver's certificate, and the driver of a school activity bus must hold ~~a driver's license of Class 'C' and a school bus driver's certificate or~~ a driver's license of Class 'A' or Class 'B'."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.