

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 22.1-181 of the Code of Virginia, relating to school bus operators;*
3 *training.*

4 [S 1713]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 22.1-181 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 22.1-181. Training program for school bus operators.**

9 A. The Board of Education shall develop a training program for promulgate regulations requiring
10 persons applying for employment, and employed, to operate school buses and shall promote its
11 implementation to complete a training program developed by the Board.

12 B. For applicants not currently possessing a commercial driver's license, such regulations shall require
13 (i) a minimum of 24 hours of classroom training administered pursuant to this section and (ii) six hours
14 of behind-the-wheel training on a school bus that contains no pupil passengers. For applicants currently
15 possessing a commercial driver's license, such regulations shall require (a) a minimum of four hours of
16 classroom training administered pursuant to this section and (b) three hours of behind-the-wheel training
17 on a school bus that contains no pupil passengers. Behind-the-wheel training shall be administered under
18 the direct on-board supervision of a designated school bus driver trainer.

19 C. The training program developed by the Board shall include safety protocols for responding to
20 adverse weather conditions, unsafe conditions during loading and unloading of students, students on the
21 wrong bus, and other circumstances, as determined by the Board, where student safety is at risk.

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