

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; remote online and Spanish language options.*

4 [H 1928]

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 shall promulgate regulations requiring persons applying for employment, and
10 employed, to operate school buses to complete a training program developed by the Board.11 B. For applicants not currently possessing a commercial driver's license, such regulations shall
12 require (i) a minimum of 24 hours of classroom training administered pursuant to this section and (ii)
13 six hours of behind-the-wheel training on a school bus that contains no pupil passengers. For applicants
14 currently possessing a commercial driver's license, such regulations shall require (a) a minimum of four
15 hours of classroom training administered pursuant to this section and (b) three hours of behind-the-wheel
16 training on a school bus that contains no pupil passengers. Behind-the-wheel training shall be
17 administered under the direct on-board supervision of a designated school bus driver trainer.

18 C. The training program developed by the Board shall:

19 1. *Shall include in-person instruction on safety protocols for responding to adverse weather*
20 *conditions, unsafe conditions during loading and unloading of students, students on the wrong bus, and*
21 *other circumstances, as determined by the Board, where student safety is at risk;*22 2. *May offer the option for an applicant for employment to complete all or any portion of the*
23 *required hours of classroom training in a remote online format, as determined by the local school*
24 *division, except as otherwise provided in subdivision 1; and*25 3. *May offer the option for an applicant for employment to receive instruction in the Spanish*
26 *language for all or any portion of the required hours of classroom training, as determined by the local*
27 *school division.*

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