

# VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2019 SESSION

## CHAPTER 769

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

[S 1713]

Approved March 21, 2019

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 22.1-181 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 22.1-181. Training program for school bus operators.**

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

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

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