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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 409 (Transportation)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to training and licensing of school
7 bus drivers; and providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 * Section 1. AS 14.07.020(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to
10 read:

11 (14) establish, in coordination with the Department of
12 Public Safety, a school bus driver training course.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 28.15.041(b) is amended to read:

14 (b) A person may not drive a [SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTING SCHOOL
15 CHILDREN, OR A BUS TRANSPORTING SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN OR ANOTHER] motor
16 vehicle when in use for the transportation of persons for compensation
17 until the person has applied for and has been issued a license for
18 that purpose under (a) of this section. The department may not issue
19 a license under this subsection unless the applicant is at least 19
20 years of age, has had at least one year of driving experience, and the
21 department is satisfied as to the applicant's good character, compe-
22 tence and fitness to be licensed; nor may the department issue the
23 license until proper application has been made and all required driv-
24 ing, written, and physical examinations have been successfully com-
25 pleted. A license issued under this subsection expires on September 1
26 of the year following issuance. Application for renewal may be made
27 by submitting to the department the results of a current physical
28 examination and paying the required fee.

29 * Sec. 3. AS 28.15 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1 Sec. 28.15.046. LICENSING OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS. (a) In addi-
2 tion to the requirements of AS 28.15.041(a), a person may not drive a
3 school bus transporting school children, or a bus transporting school-
4 age children until the person has applied for and has been issued a
5 license for that purpose under this section.

6 (b) The department may not issue a license under this section
7 unless the applicant

8 (1) is at least 19 years of age;

9 (2) has had a license to operate a motor vehicle at least
10 one year before the date of application;

11 (3) has successfully completed all required driving, writ-
12 ten, and physical examinations;

13 (4) has submitted information sufficient to complete a
14 background check consisting of a fingerprint check of national crimi-
15 nal records and state criminal records of the state or states in which
16 the applicant has resided for the past two years;

17 (5) has completed a state approved school bus driver train-
18 ing course established under AS 14.07.020(a)(14) or has for the previ-
19 ous two years been licensed by the state to operate a school bus.

20 (c) The department may not issue a license under this section to
21 an applicant who has been convicted of any of the following offenses
22 within 20 years of the time of application:

23 (1) sexual abuse of a minor in any degree (AS 11.41.434 -
24 11.41.440);

25 (2) sexual assault in any degree (AS 11.41.410 or 11.41.-
26 420);

27 (3) incest (AS 11.41.450);

28 (4) unlawful exploitation of a minor (AS 11.41.455);

29 (5) contributing to the delinquency of a minor

1 (AS 11.51.130);

2 (6) a felony involving possession of a controlled or imita-
3 tion controlled substance (AS 11.71 or AS 11.73);

4 (7) a felony or misdemeanor involving distribution of a
5 controlled or imitation controlled substance (AS 11.71 or AS 11.73);

6 (8) promoting prostitution in the first or second degree
7 (AS 11.66.110 or 11.66.120).

8 (d) The department may not issue a license to an applicant who
9 has been convicted of driving while intoxicated (AS 28.30.030) within
10 two years of the time of application or to an applicant who has two or
11 more convictions for driving while intoxicated within 10 years of the
12 time of application.

13 (e) For purposes of determining whether an applicant has been
14 convicted of an offense listed under (c) or (d) of this section, a
15 conviction under prior state law or in another jurisdiction of an
16 offense having elements substantially similar to those of the offenses
17 listed in (c) or (d) of this section is considered a conviction.

18 (f) Costs of conducting the background check required under
19 (b)(4) of this section shall be paid by the applicant. A license
20 issued under this section expires on September 1 of the year following
21 issuance. Application for renewal may be made by submitting to the
22 department the results of a current physical examination and paying
23 the required fee.

24 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.