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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS'  
LICENSES - SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ANNUAL TRAINING

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Doyle, Crowley, Sosnowski, and P Fogarty

Date Introduced: February 11, 2015

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-10-5.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-10 entitled  
2 "Operators' and Chauffeurs' Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-10-5.1. School bus driver annual training.** -- (a) The department of revenue shall  
4 promulgate any rules and regulations that it deems necessary to ensure that a ten (10) hour  
5 training course is provided for all new school bus drivers and a three (3) hour retraining course is  
6 provided to all renewal applicants on at least a yearly basis.

7 (b) The training shall include, but not be limited to, defensive driving, [the national](#)  
8 [highway traffic safety administration's school bus driver in-service training series](#), and instruction  
9 in all state laws, rules, and regulations relating to school buses and school bus safety.

10 (c) Prior to any renewal of any certificate of a school bus driver, the division of motor  
11 vehicles shall require proof of the renewal applicant's having successfully completed the annual  
12 retraining as provided in this section. That proof shall include the passing of a written  
13 examination prepared by the department of revenue or the department of revenue's designee and  
14 conducted by employees of the department.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1           This act would require that school bus drivers' annual training include the national
- 2 highway traffic safety administration's school bus driver in-service training series.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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