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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

Introduced By: Senator Ana B. Quezada

Date Introduced: April 26, 2022

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 "Operators'  
2 and Chauffeurs' Licenses" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-10-5.1. School bus driver annual training.**

4 (a) The department of revenue shall promulgate any rules and regulations that it deems  
5 necessary to ensure that a ten-hour (10) training course is provided for all new school bus drivers  
6 and a three-hour (3) retraining course is 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 Series, and instruction in  
9 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. Every ten (10) years ~~That~~ that proof shall include the passing  
13 of a written examination prepared by the department of revenue, or the department of revenue's  
14 designee, and conducted by employees of the department.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require, in order to maintain their certifications, that school bus drivers to  
2 pass written state examinations once every ten (10) years, instead of annually, as the current law  
3 requires.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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