

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 50

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A WAIVER OF THE WRITTEN  
10 KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TEST FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS  
11 THAT HAVE MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS OF EXPERIENCE;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 WRITTEN KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TEST FOR  
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18 TWO (2) YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-23-108(f), concerning commercial driver  
24 license standards for school bus drivers, is amended to read as follows:

25 (f)(1) At the discretion of the Department of Arkansas State Police,  
26 the knowledge and skills test and the driving skills test required in  
27 subdivision (e)(3) of this section may be waived for an applicant who is  
28 currently licensed, has experience driving a school bus, has a good driving  
29 record, and meets the conditions set forth in subdivision (f)(2) of this  
30 section.

31 (2) An applicant must certify and the state must verify that  
32 during the two-year period immediately before applying for the school bus  
33 endorsement, the applicant:

34 (A) Held a valid commercial driver license with a  
35 passenger vehicle endorsement to operate a school bus representative of the  
36 group he or she will be driving;



1 (B) Has not had his or her driver license or commercial  
 2 driver license suspended, revoked, or canceled or been disqualified from  
 3 operating a commercial motor vehicle;

4 (C) Has not been convicted of any of the disqualifying  
 5 offenses in § 27-23-112 while operating a commercial motor vehicle or of any  
 6 offense in a noncommercial motor vehicle that would be disqualifying under §  
 7 27-23-112 if committed in a commercial motor vehicle;

8 (D) Has not had more than one (1) conviction of any of the  
 9 serious traffic violations defined in § 27-23-103, while operating any type  
 10 of motor vehicle;

11 (E) Has not had any conviction for a violation of state or  
 12 local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control arising in connection  
 13 with any traffic accident, except a parking violation;

14 (F) Has not been convicted of any motor vehicle traffic  
 15 violation that resulted in an accident; and

16 (G) Has been regularly employed as a school bus driver,  
 17 has operated a school bus representative of the group the applicant seeks to  
 18 drive, and provides evidence of the employment.

19 ~~(3) After September 30, 2005, the provisions in subsection (f)~~  
 20 ~~of this section do not apply.~~

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 22 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 23 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that school bus drivers with at  
 24 least two (2) years of experience have the necessary knowledge and skills to  
 25 obtain a special endorsement on his or her commercial driver's license; that  
 26 requiring experienced bus drivers to take an additional written test will  
 27 cause the school districts in the state to experience a shortage of bus  
 28 drivers; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that a  
 29 sufficient number of experienced bus drivers are available to provide  
 30 reliable transportation for school children in the state. Therefore, an  
 31 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for  
 32 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become  
 33 effective on:

34 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

35 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
 36 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the

1 bill; or

2 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
3 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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