

**House File 733 - Introduced**

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BY MOORE

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the employment of school bus drivers who  
2 have completed a department of education approved course of  
3 instruction.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.376, subsection 3, Code 2025, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. A person applying for employment or employed as a  
4 school bus driver shall successfully complete a department of  
5 education approved course of instruction for school bus drivers  
6 before or within the first six months of employment and at  
7 least every twenty-four months thereafter. If an employee fails  
8 to provide an employer with a certificate of completion of  
9 the required school bus driver's course, the driver's employer  
10 shall report the failure to the department of education and  
11 the employee's authorization to operate a school bus shall be  
12 revoked. The department of education shall send notice of the  
13 revocation to both the employee and the employer. A person whose  
14 school bus authorization has been revoked under this section  
15 shall not be issued another authorization until certification  
16 of the completion of an approved school bus driver's course is  
17 received by the department of education.

18 b. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", a person who has  
19 successfully completed a department of education approved course  
20 of instruction for school bus drivers within the previous  
21 twenty-four months shall not be required to complete the course  
22 again before or within six months of becoming employed as a  
23 school bus driver at a different school district, provided the  
24 person complies with subsection 1 and completes the course again  
25 within twenty-four months of the prior completion.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 Under current law, a driver of a school bus must hold a  
30 driver's license issued by the department of transportation  
31 valid for the operation of a school bus and a certificate of  
32 qualification for operation of a commercial motor vehicle issued  
33 by a qualified medical professional. In addition, a person  
34 applying for employment as a school bus driver must successfully  
35 complete a department of education approved course of instruction

1 for school bus drivers within the first 6 months of employment  
2 and at least every 24 months thereafter.

3 This bill provides that a person who has successfully  
4 completed a department of education approved course of  
5 instruction for school bus drivers within the previous 24 months  
6 is not required to complete the course again if the person  
7 applies for employment as a school bus driver at a different  
8 school district, provided the person is otherwise eligible to be  
9 employed as a school bus driver and completes the course again  
10 within 24 months of the prior completion.

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