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SENATE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2001 SENATE BILL 227

September 5, 2001 - Offered by Committee on Insurance, Tourism, and Transportation.

At the locations indicated, amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 2, line 3: after that line insert:

"Section 1m. 343.12 (2) (h) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.12 (2) (h) Prior to the initial issuance or renewal of the endorsement, takes and passes a special examination prescribed by the department and administered by the department or by a 3rd-party tester under s. 343.16 (1) (b) to determine his or her ability to safely operate a school bus. This special examination may include the examination required under sub. (3). The department may renew the endorsement without retesting the licensee, except under sub. (3).".

2. Page 2, line 8: on lines 8 and 11, delete "sub. (2) (h) and s. 343.16 (3) (b)" and substitute "s. 343.16 (3) (b), a vision and hearing screening prescribed the department, and, if the department or a 3rd-party tester deems it necessary to

determine the person's ability to operate a school bus safely, a demonstration of driving skills under 343.16 (1) (a)".

3. Page 3, line 4: after that line insert:

"Section 4j. 343.12 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.12 **(4)** (b) The department may, by rule, establish standards for the employment by an employer of a person under par. (a) 3. as an operator of a school bus in this state. The rules may require the person to meet the qualifications contained in sub. (2), (2m), or (3) and any rules of the department applicable to residents.

SECTION 4m. 343.16 (1) (b) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.16 (1) (b) *Third-party testing*. (intro.) The department may contract with a person, including an agency or department of this state or its political subdivisions or another state, or a private employer of commercial motor vehicle drivers, to administer commercial motor vehicle skills tests required by 49 CFR 383.110 to 383.135, examinations required to be administered under s. 343.12 (2) (h) and (2m) and abbreviated driving skills tests required by sub. (3) (b). The department may not enter into such testing contracts with a private driver training school or other private institution. A contract with a 3rd-party tester shall include all of the following provisions:

SECTION 4r. 343.16 (1) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

343.16 (1) (b) 4. Examiners of the 3rd-party tester shall meet the same qualifications and training standards as the department's license examiners to the extent established by the department as necessary to satisfactorily perform the skills tests required by 49 CFR 383.110 to 383.135, examinations required to be

- administered under s. 343.12 (2) (h) and (2m) and abbreviated driving skills tests
- 2 required by sub. (3) (b).".

3 (END)