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(no P) In addition, DOT<sup>✓</sup> must require the driver training school to have a signed agreement with each student<sup>✓</sup> that includes certain information and that advises the student that there is no guarantee the driver training school will provide a certification for the student and that, even if the school provides a certification, DOT may still require the student to take and pass a road test administered by DOT.<sup>✓</sup>

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(no P) A driver training school that certifies a student as eligible to be exempted from the road test administered by DOT is immune from civil liability for bodily injury, death, or property damage arising out of any act or omission relating to the certification.<sup>✓</sup>

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b. A requirement that the driver training school <sup>e has</sup> have a signed agreement with each individual who receives instruction in driver education or training from the driver training school that describes the services to be provided to the individual and the costs of these services and also explains the process and requirements for certifications to the department under subd. 3.,<sup>✓</sup> including all requirements for an individual to be eligible for a certification under subd. 3.<sup>✓</sup> The agreement between the driver training school and the individual must clearly advise the individual that there is no guarantee that the driver training school will provide to the department a certification under subd. 3.<sup>✓</sup> for the individual and that, even if the school provides a certification under subd. 3. for the individual, the department may nonetheless



1 require the individual to successfully complete a driving skills test<sup>✓</sup> administered by  
2 the department.✓

3 5. A person is immune from civil liability for bodily injury, death, or property  
4 damage arising out of any act or omission relating to a driver training school's  
5 certification under subd. 3.✓ of an individual.

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9 , or from providing the information required in s. 343.16 (1) (br) 4. b ✓

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## Gary, Aaron

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**From:** Bergum, Megan M - DOT <Megan.Bergum@dot.wi.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2013 11:46 AM  
**To:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** RE: Draft review: LRB -0165/P2 Topic: Driver schools skills test certification NB 1315-4

Hi Aaron,

Yes, we definitely want to retain it for all CDL tests including school buses.

Thank you for checking.

Megan

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**Subject:** RE: Draft review: LRB -0165/P2 Topic: Driver schools skills test certification NB 1315-4

Hi Megan,

In this next draft, do you still want s. 343.16 (1) (b) 6. repealed (as it is in the /P2), or do you want to retain the provision since will only apply to CMV and school bus testing by 3<sup>rd</sup>-party testers?

Thanks. Aaron

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**To:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** FW: Draft review: LRB -0165/P2 Topic: Driver schools skills test certification NB 1315-4

Hi Aaron,

We need one change made to this draft. This bill should eliminate all 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing options in favor of the certification. The only 3<sup>rd</sup> party group eliminated here is law enforcement. I apologize for not catching this initially.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Megan

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**To:** Merriman Hitchman, Linda H - DOT  
**Subject:** RE: Draft review: LRB -0165/P2 Topic: Driver schools skills test certification NB 1315-4

Hi Linda,

We need one change made to this draft. We need this bill to eliminate all 3<sup>rd</sup> party testing options in favor of the certification. The only 3<sup>rd</sup> party group eliminated here is law enforcement.

Would you like me to work with the drafter or would you like to pass the information on.

Thanks,  
Megan

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**From:** Merriman Hitchman, Linda H - DOT  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2013 11:02 AM  
**To:** Bergum, Megan M - DOT; McGinn, Reed - DOT  
**Subject:** FW: Draft review: LRB -0165/P2 Topic: Driver schools skills test certification NB 1315-4

Megan and Reed

Here is the P2 draft on driver school skills test. Please let me know when the division has signed or, or if additional changes are needed. Thanks!

Linda

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**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2013 9:54 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: Draft review: LRB -0165/P2 Topic: Driver schools skills test certification NB 1315-4

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**Following is the PDF version of draft LRB -0165/P2.**



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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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1 AN ACT *to repeal* 343.16 (1) (b) 6. and 343.16 (1) (bm); *to amend* 110.08 (2),  
2 343.06 (1) (c), 343.16 (1) (a), 343.16 (1) (b) (intro.), 343.72 (5m) and 343.72 (6);  
3 and *to create* 343.16 (1) (br) of the statutes; **relating to:** driving skills tests for  
4 certain noncommercial motor vehicle drivers.

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, with limited exceptions, an applicant for an operator's license authorizing operation of "Class D" vehicles, which are automobiles and most passenger vehicles, is required to successfully complete a knowledge test and a driving skills (road) test. Generally, Department of Transportation (DOT) examiners must administer these tests, except: 1) DOT may authorize certain driver education instructors to administer knowledge tests; 2) DOT may contract with third-party testers to conduct road tests for "Class D" vehicle operators, but a third-party tester may not administer a road test for a person who has received instruction in driver training from the third-party tester; 3) DOT may contract with law enforcement agencies to administer knowledge and road tests for "Class D" vehicle operators if no DOT examining station is located in the municipality of the law enforcement agency; and 4) DOT may contract with counties or other local governments to provide certain services, including administering knowledge tests but not road tests.

Under this bill, DOT may enter into a contract with any public or private entity permitted to offer courses in driver education or training (driver training school) authorizing the driver training school to certify that an individual who has received instruction in driver education or training from the school (student) is eligible to be

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exempted from the road test generally required to obtain an operator's license for a "Class D" vehicle. DOT's contract with the driver training school must include standards and eligibility requirements for this certification that ensure that a student who is certified as eligible to be exempted from the road test has demonstrated driving skills equivalent to or exceeding those necessary to successfully complete the road test administered by DOT. In addition, DOT must require the driver training school to have a signed agreement with each student that includes certain information and that advises the student that there is no guarantee the driver training school will provide a certification for the student and that, even if the school provides a certification, DOT may still require the student to take and pass a road test administered by DOT. Under the bill, if DOT receives from a driver training school a certification of eligibility for exemption relating to a student, DOT may waive the road test for that student when the student applies for an operator's license authorizing operation of "Class D" vehicles. A driver training school that certifies a student as eligible to be exempted from the road test administered by DOT is immune from civil liability for bodily injury, death, or property damage arising out of any act or omission relating to the certification. ✓

2 The bill also allows a third-party tester that contracts with DOT to administer road tests for "Class D" vehicle operators who received instruction in driver training from the third-party tester. The bill eliminates the provision identified as item 3, above, authorizing DOT to contract with law enforcement agencies to administer knowledge and road tests in municipalities where there is no DOT examining station.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

1           **SECTION 1.** 110.08 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           110.08 (2) Except as provided under sub. (5) (b) and s. 343.16 (1) (b) ~~to~~ and (c),  
3 all examinations for operator's licenses and permits shall be given by state  
4 examiners.

5           **SECTION 2.** 343.06 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

6           343.06 (1) (c) To any person under age 18 unless the person is enrolled in a  
7 school program or high school equivalency program and is not a habitual truant as  
8 defined in s. 118.16 (1) (a), has graduated from high school or been granted a

1 declaration of high school graduation equivalency, or is enrolled in a home-based  
2 private educational program, as defined in s. 115.001 (3g), and has satisfactorily  
3 completed a course in driver education in public schools approved by the department  
4 of public instruction, or in technical colleges approved by the technical college system  
5 board, or in nonpublic and private schools or tribal schools, as defined in s. 115.001  
6 (15m), that meet the minimum standards set by the department of public  
7 instruction, or has satisfactorily completed a substantially equivalent course in  
8 driver training approved by the department and given by a school licensed by the  
9 department under s. 343.61, or has satisfactorily completed a substantially  
10 equivalent course in driver education or training approved by another state and has  
11 attained the age of 16, except as provided in s. 343.07 (1g). The department shall not  
12 issue a license to any person under the age of 18 authorizing the operation of “Class  
13 M” vehicles unless the person has successfully completed a basic rider course  
14 approved by the department. The department may, by rule, exempt certain persons  
15 from the basic rider course requirement of this paragraph. Applicants for a license  
16 under s. 343.08 or 343.135 are exempt from the driver education, basic rider or driver  
17 training course requirement. The secretary shall prescribe rules for licensing of  
18 schools and instructors to qualify under this paragraph. The driver education course  
19 shall be made available to every eligible student in the state. Except as provided  
20 under ~~s. ss. 110.08 (5) (b) and 343.16 (1) (bm) and (b) to (c) and (2) (cm) to (e)~~, no  
21 operator’s license may be issued unless a driver’s examination has been  
22 administered by the department.

23 **SECTION 3.** 343.16 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

24 343.16 (1) (a) *General.* Except as provided in par. (br) 2. and sub. (2) (cm) and  
25 (e) and except when examination by a 3rd-party tester is permitted under pars. par.

1 (b) ~~to~~ or (c), the department shall examine every applicant for an operator's license,  
2 including applicants for license renewal as provided in sub. (3), and every applicant  
3 for authorization to operate a vehicle class or type for which the applicant does not  
4 hold currently valid authorization, other than an instruction permit. Except as  
5 provided in par. (br) 2. and sub. (2) (cm) and (e), the examinations of applicants for  
6 licenses authorizing operation of "Class A", "Class B", "Class C", "Class D" or  
7 "Class M" vehicles shall include both a knowledge test and an actual demonstration  
8 in the form of a driving skills test of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and  
9 reasonable control in the operation of a representative vehicle. The department shall  
10 not administer a driving skills test to a person applying for authorization to operate  
11 "Class M" vehicles who has failed 2 previous such skills tests unless the person has  
12 successfully completed a rider course approved by the department. The department  
13 may, by rule, exempt certain persons from the rider course requirement of this  
14 paragraph. The department may not require a person applying for authorization to  
15 operate "Class M" vehicles who has successfully completed a basic rider course  
16 approved by the department to hold an instruction permit under s. 343.07 (4) prior  
17 to the department's issuance of a license authorizing the operation of "Class M"  
18 vehicles. The department may not require a person applying for authorization to  
19 operate "Class M" vehicles who holds an instruction permit under s. 343.07 (4) to  
20 hold it for a minimum period of time before administering a driving skills test. The  
21 driving skills of applicants for endorsements authorizing the operation of  
22 commercial motor vehicles equipped with air brakes, the transportation of  
23 passengers in commercial motor vehicles or the operation of school buses, as provided  
24 in s. 343.04 (2) (b), (d) or (e), shall also be tested by an actual demonstration of driving  
25 skills. The department may endorse an applicant's commercial driver license for



1 transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding or any quantity of a material  
 2 listed as a select agent or toxin under 42 CFR 73, subject to s. 343.125, or for the  
 3 operation of tank vehicles or vehicles towing double or triple trailers, as described  
 4 in s. 343.04 (2) (a), (c) or (f), based on successful completion of a knowledge test. In  
 5 administering the knowledge test, the department shall attempt to accommodate  
 6 any special needs of the applicant. Except as may be required by the department for  
 7 an "H" or "S" endorsement, the knowledge test is not intended to be a test for literacy  
 8 or English language proficiency. This paragraph does not prohibit the department  
 9 from requiring an applicant to correctly read and understand highway signs.

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

11 343.16 (1) (b) *Third-party driving skills testing.* (intro.) The department may  
 12 contract with a person, including an agency or department of this state or its political  
 13 subdivisions or another state, or a private employer of commercial motor vehicle  
 14 drivers, to administer commercial motor vehicle skills tests required by 49 CFR  
 15 383.110 to 383.135, examinations required to be administered under s. 343.12 (2) (h),  
 16 abbreviated driving skills tests required by sub. (3) (b), <sup>✓</sup> or ~~driving skills tests~~ <sup>strike</sup>  
 17 ~~required by par. (a) for authorization to operate "Class D" vehicles, or any~~ <sup>strike</sup>  
 18 combination of these tests and examinations. <sup>✓</sup> ~~This paragraph does not apply with~~  
 19 respect to a law enforcement agency eligible to contract with the department under  
 20 par. (bm). A contract with a 3rd-party tester under this paragraph shall include all  
 21 of the following provisions:

22 **SECTION 5.** 343.16 (1) (b) 6. of the statutes is repealed.

23 **SECTION 6.** 343.16 (1) (bm) of the statutes is repealed.

24 **SECTION 7.** 343.16 (1) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           343.16 (1) (br) *Driving skills test waiver for “Class D” vehicles.* 1. In this  
2 paragraph, “driver training school” means any of the following:

3           a. A public school offering courses in driver education approved by the  
4 department of public instruction.

5           b. A technical college offering courses in driver education approved by the  
6 technical college system board.

7           c. A nonpublic or private school or tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m),  
8 offering courses in driver education that meet the minimum standards set by the  
9 department of public instruction.

10          d. A driver school licensed by the department under s. 343.61 offering courses  
11 in driver training approved by the department.

12          2. The department may waive the driving skills test of an individual applying  
13 for authorization to operate “Class D” vehicles if the department has received from  
14 a driver training school a certification under subd. 3. relating to the individual.

15          3. The department may, by contract, authorize any driver training school to  
16 certify to the department that an individual who has received instruction in driver  
17 education or training from the driver training school is eligible to be exempted from  
18 the driving skills test under par. (a).

19          4. A contract with a driver training school under subd. 3. shall include all of the  
20 following:

21          a. Standards and eligibility requirements for certification to the department  
22 that an individual is eligible to be exempted from the driving skills test. These  
23 standards and eligibility requirements shall ensure that an individual who is  
24 certified as eligible to be exempted under subd. 3. has demonstrated to the driver  
25 training school driving skills equivalent to or exceeding those necessary to

1 successfully complete the driving skills test administered by the department under  
2 par. (a) for authorization to operate “Class D” vehicles.

3 b. A requirement that the driver training school has a signed agreement with  
4 each individual who receives instruction in driver education or training from the  
5 driver training school that describes the services to be provided to the individual and  
6 the costs of these services and also explains the process and requirements for  
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8 individual to be eligible for a certification under subd. 3. The agreement between the  
9 driver training school and the individual must clearly advise the individual that  
10 there is no guarantee that the driver training school will provide to the department  
11 a certification under subd. 3. for the individual and that, even if the school provides  
12 a certification under subd. 3. for the individual, the department may nonetheless  
13 require the individual to successfully complete a driving skills test administered by  
14 the department.

15 5. A person is immune from civil liability for bodily injury, death, or property  
16 damage arising out of any act or omission relating to a driver training school’s  
17 certification under subd. 3. of an individual.

18 **SECTION 8.** 343.72 (5m) of the statutes is amended to read:

19 343.72 (5m) No driver school may represent that completion of a course of  
20 instruction will guarantee that the student will pass the driving skills test  
21 administered by the department or by a 3rd-party tester under s. 343.16 (1) ~~(bm)~~ (b).  
22 A driver school may only represent by means of a certificate of completion that the  
23 student has satisfactorily completed the required course. This subsection does not  
24 prohibit a driver school from informing a student that the driver school is authorized  
25 to issue certifications under s. 343.16 (1) (br) 3., from providing to the student a copy

1 of any certification under s. 343.16 (1) (br) 3. relating to the student, or from  
2 providing the information required in s. 343.16 (1) (br) 4. b.

3 **SECTION 9.** 343.72 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 343.72 (6) All licensees must ascertain from the department the routes in the  
5 licensee's locale on which road tests are given by state license examiners and by  
6 authorized examiners of 3rd-party testers under s. 343.16 (1) ~~(bm)~~ (b). No licensee  
7 may instruct on these routes, except that driver schools may operate on these routes  
8 if comparable training location opportunities are not otherwise available in the  
9 locale.

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⌘ This bill eliminates DOT's authority to contract with third-party testers and law enforcement agencies as described in items<sup>✓</sup> 2) and 3), above, and instead creates a road test certification and waiver procedure. NO  
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**SECTION 1.** 343.16 (1) (b) 3.<sup>✓</sup> (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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343.16 (1) (b) 3. (intro.) At least annually, the department shall conduct an

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on-site inspection of the 3rd-party tester to determine compliance with the contract

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and with department and federal standards for testing applicants for commercial

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driver licenses and with department standards for testing applicants for school bus

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endorsements<sup>✓</sup> and applicants for operators' licenses to operate "Class D" vehicles.

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At least annually, the department shall also evaluate testing given by the 3rd-party

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tester by one of the following means:

History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1973 c. 90, 176; 1975 c. 36, 199; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1456, 1654 (7) (a), (c); 1977 c. 273, 418; 1979 c. 34 ss. 1067m, 2102 (52) (a); 1979 c. 221, 345; 1981 c. 20; 1983 a. 74, 243, 534, 538; 1985 a. 65, 337; 1987 a. 3, 40, 215; 1989 a. 31, 105, 359; 1991 a. 21, 32, 39, 316; 1993 a. 16, 19, 183, 399; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1995 a. 113, 195, 448; 1997 a. 27, 84, 237; 1999 a. 32, 140; 2001 a. 105; 2003 a. 3; 2005 a. 187, 253, 466; 2007 a. 20, 68, 97, 162; 2009 a. 28, 302; 2011 a. 32, 161.

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**SECTION 2.** 343.16 (1) (b) 4.<sup>✓</sup> of the statutes is amended to read:

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343.16 (1) (b) 4. Examiners of the 3rd-party tester shall meet the same

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qualifications and training standards as the department's license examiners to the

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extent established by the department as necessary to satisfactorily perform the skills

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administered under s. 343.12 (2) (h), and abbreviated driving skills tests required by



1 sub. (3) (b), and driving skills tests required by par. (a) for authorization to operate  
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3 **SECTION 3. 343.16 (1) (b) 5.** of the statutes is amended to read:

4 343.16 (1) (b) 5. The department shall take prompt and appropriate remedial  
5 action against the 3rd-party tester in the event that the tester fails to comply with  
6 department or federal standards for commercial driver license testing, department  
7 standards for school bus endorsement testing or testing for operators' licenses to  
8 operate "Class D" vehicles,✓ or any provision of the contract. Such action may include  
9 immediate termination of testing by the 3rd-party tester and recovery of damages.

History: 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1973 c. 90, 176; 1975 c. 36, 199; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1456, 1654 (7) (a), (c); 1977 c. 273, 418; 1979 c. 34 ss. 1067m, 2102 (52) (a); 1979 c. 221, 345; 1981 c. 20; 1983 a. 74, 243, 534, 538; 1985 a. 65, 337; 1987 a. 3, 40, 215; 1989 a. 31, 105, 359; 1991 a. 21, 32, 39, 316; 1993 a. 16, 19, 183, 399; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1995 a. 113, 195, 448; 1997 a. 27, 84, 237; 1999 a. 32, 140; 2001 a. 105; 2003 a. 33; 2005 a. 187, 253, 466; 2007 a. 20, 68, 97, 162; 2009 a. 28, 302; 2011 a. 32, 161.

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## Gary, Aaron

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**From:** Yahn, Nate - DOT <Nate.Yahn@dot.wi.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 20, 2014 6:40 AM  
**To:** Gary, Aaron  
**Subject:** Introducible Draft for LRB-0165/P3  
**Attachments:** LRB 0165-P3.pdf

**Importance:** High

Hi Aaron,

The Department would like to move forward with this particular piece of legislation.

Can you please convert the attached LRB-0165/P3 to an introducible "/1"?

Thanks.

Nate

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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

2013 BILL

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1 **AN ACT to repeal** 343.16 (1) (bm); **to amend** 110.08 (2), 343.06 (1) (c), 343.16 (1)

2 (a), 343.16 (1) (b) (intro.), 343.16 (1) (b) 3. (intro.), 343.16 (1) (b) 4., 343.16 (1)

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This bill eliminates DOT's authority to contract with third-party testers and law enforcement agencies as described in items 2) and 3), above, and instead creates



a road test certification and waiver procedure. Under this bill, DOT may enter into a contract with any public or private entity permitted to offer courses in driver education or training (driver training school) authorizing the driver training school to certify that an individual who has received instruction in driver education or training from the school (student) is eligible to be exempted from the road test generally required to obtain an operator’s license for a “Class D” vehicle. DOT’s contract with the driver training school must include standards and eligibility requirements for this certification that ensure that a student who is certified as eligible to be exempted from the road test has demonstrated driving skills equivalent to or exceeding those necessary to successfully complete the road test administered by DOT. In addition, DOT must require the driver training school to have a signed agreement with each student that includes certain information and that advises the student that there is no guarantee the driver training school will provide a certification for the student and that, even if the school provides a certification, DOT may still require the student to take and pass a road test administered by DOT. Under the bill, if DOT receives from a driver training school a certification of eligibility for exemption relating to a student, DOT may waive the road test for that student when the student applies for an operator’s license authorizing operation of “Class D” vehicles. A driver training school that certifies a student as eligible to be exempted from the road test administered by DOT is immune from civil liability for bodily injury, death, or property damage arising out of any act or omission relating to the certification.

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 8 defined in s. 118.16 (1) (a), has graduated from high school or been granted a  
 9 declaration of high school graduation equivalency, or is enrolled in a home-based

private educational program, as defined in s. 115.001 (3g), and has satisfactorily completed a course in driver education in public schools approved by the department of public instruction, or in technical colleges approved by the technical college system board, or in nonpublic and private schools or tribal schools, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), that meet the minimum standards set by the department of public instruction, or has satisfactorily completed a substantially equivalent course in driver training approved by the department and given by a school licensed by the department under s. 343.61, or has satisfactorily completed a substantially equivalent course in driver education or training approved by another state and has attained the age of 16, except as provided in s. 343.07 (1g). The department shall not issue a license to any person under the age of 18 authorizing the operation of "Class M" vehicles unless the person has successfully completed a basic rider course approved by the department. The department may, by rule, exempt certain persons from the basic rider course requirement of this paragraph. Applicants for a license under s. 343.08 or 343.135 are exempt from the driver education, basic rider or driver training course requirement. The secretary shall prescribe rules for licensing of schools and instructors to qualify under this paragraph. The driver education course shall be made available to every eligible student in the state. Except as provided under s. ss. 110.08 (5) (b) and 343.16 (1) (bm) and (b) to (c) and (2) (cm) to (e), no operator's license may be issued unless a driver's examination has been administered by the department.

**SECTION 3.** 343.16 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.16 (1) (a) *General.* Except as provided in par. (br) 2. and sub. (2) (cm) and (e) and except when examination by a 3rd-party tester is permitted under pars. par. (b) to or (c), the department shall examine every applicant for an operator's license,

1 including applicants for license renewal as provided in sub. (3), and every applicant  
2 for authorization to operate a vehicle class or type for which the applicant does not  
3 hold currently valid authorization, other than an instruction permit. Except as  
4 provided in par. (br) 2. and sub. (2) (cm) and (e), the examinations of applicants for  
5 licenses authorizing operation of “Class A”, “Class B”, “Class C”, “Class D” or  
6 “Class M” vehicles shall include both a knowledge test and an actual demonstration  
7 in the form of a driving skills test of the applicant’s ability to exercise ordinary and  
8 reasonable control in the operation of a representative vehicle. The department shall  
9 not administer a driving skills test to a person applying for authorization to operate  
10 “Class M” vehicles who has failed 2 previous such skills tests unless the person has  
11 successfully completed a rider course approved by the department. The department  
12 may, by rule, exempt certain persons from the rider course requirement of this  
13 paragraph. The department may not require a person applying for authorization to  
14 operate “Class M” vehicles who has successfully completed a basic rider course  
15 approved by the department to hold an instruction permit under s. 343.07 (4) prior  
16 to the department’s issuance of a license authorizing the operation of “Class M”  
17 vehicles. The department may not require a person applying for authorization to  
18 operate “Class M” vehicles who holds an instruction permit under s. 343.07 (4) to  
19 hold it for a minimum period of time before administering a driving skills test. The  
20 driving skills of applicants for endorsements authorizing the operation of  
21 commercial motor vehicles equipped with air brakes, the transportation of  
22 passengers in commercial motor vehicles or the operation of school buses, as provided  
23 in s. 343.04 (2) (b), (d) or (e), shall also be tested by an actual demonstration of driving  
24 skills. The department may endorse an applicant’s commercial driver license for  
25 transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding or any quantity of a material

1 listed as a select agent or toxin under 42 CFR 73, subject to s. 343.125, or for the  
2 operation of tank vehicles or vehicles towing double or triple trailers, as described  
3 in s. 343.04 (2) (a), (c) or (f), based on successful completion of a knowledge test. In  
4 administering the knowledge test, the department shall attempt to accommodate  
5 any special needs of the applicant. Except as may be required by the department for  
6 an "H" or "S" endorsement, the knowledge test is not intended to be a test for literacy  
7 or English language proficiency. This paragraph does not prohibit the department  
8 from requiring an applicant to correctly read and understand highway signs.

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

10 343.16 (1) (b) *Third-party driving skills testing.* (intro.) The department may  
11 contract with a person, including an agency or department of this state or its political  
12 subdivisions or another state, or a private employer of commercial motor vehicle  
13 drivers, to administer commercial motor vehicle skills tests required by 49 CFR  
14 383.110 to 383.135, examinations required to be administered under s. 343.12 (2) (h),  
15 abbreviated driving skills tests required by sub. (3) (b), ~~or driving skills tests~~  
16 ~~required by par. (a) for authorization to operate "Class D" vehicles, or any~~  
17 ~~combination of these tests and examinations. This paragraph does not apply with~~  
18 ~~respect to a law enforcement agency eligible to contract with the department under~~  
19 ~~par. (bm).~~ A contract with a 3rd-party tester under this paragraph shall include all  
20 of the following provisions:

21 **SECTION 5.** 343.16 (1) (b) 3. (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

22 343.16 (1) (b) 3. (intro.) At least annually, the department shall conduct an  
23 on-site inspection of the 3rd-party tester to determine compliance with the contract  
24 and with department and federal standards for testing applicants for commercial  
25 driver licenses and with department standards for testing applicants for school bus

1 ~~endorsements and applicants for operators' licenses to operate "Class D" vehicles.~~

2 At least annually, the department shall also evaluate testing given by the 3rd-party  
3 tester by one of the following means:

4 **SECTION 6.** 343.16 (1) (b) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 343.16 (1) (b) 4. Examiners of the 3rd-party tester shall meet the same  
6 qualifications and training standards as the department's license examiners to the  
7 extent established by the department as necessary to satisfactorily perform the skills  
8 tests required by 49 CFR 383.110 to 383.135, examinations required to be  
9 administered under s. 343.12 (2) (h), and abbreviated driving skills tests required by  
10 sub. (3) (b), ~~and driving skills tests required by par. (a) for authorization to operate~~  
11 ~~"Class D" vehicles.~~

12 **SECTION 7.** 343.16 (1) (b) 5. of the statutes is amended to read:

13 343.16 (1) (b) 5. The department shall take prompt and appropriate remedial  
14 action against the 3rd-party tester in the event that the tester fails to comply with  
15 department or federal standards for commercial driver license testing, department  
16 standards for school bus endorsement testing ~~or testing for operators' licenses to~~  
17 ~~operate "Class D" vehicles~~, or any provision of the contract. Such action may include  
18 immediate termination of testing by the 3rd-party tester and recovery of damages.

19 **SECTION 8.** 343.16 (1) (bm) of the statutes is repealed.

20 **SECTION 9.** 343.16 (1) (br) of the statutes is created to read:

21 343.16 (1) (br) *Driving skills test waiver for "Class D" vehicles.* 1. In this  
22 paragraph, "driver training school" means any of the following:

23 a. A public school offering courses in driver education approved by the  
24 department of public instruction.

1           b. A technical college offering courses in driver education approved by the  
2 technical college system board.

3           c. A nonpublic or private school or tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m),  
4 offering courses in driver education that meet the minimum standards set by the  
5 department of public instruction.

6           d. A driver school licensed by the department under s. 343.61 offering courses  
7 in driver training approved by the department.

8           2. The department may waive the driving skills test of an individual applying  
9 for authorization to operate "Class D" vehicles if the department has received from  
10 a driver training school a certification under subd. 3. relating to the individual.

11           3. The department may, by contract, authorize any driver training school to  
12 certify to the department that an individual who has received instruction in driver  
13 education or training from the driver training school is eligible to be exempted from  
14 the driving skills test under par. (a).

15           4. A contract with a driver training school under subd. 3. shall include all of the  
16 following:

17           a. Standards and eligibility requirements for certification to the department  
18 that an individual is eligible to be exempted from the driving skills test. These  
19 standards and eligibility requirements shall ensure that an individual who is  
20 certified as eligible to be exempted under subd. 3. has demonstrated to the driver  
21 training school driving skills equivalent to or exceeding those necessary to  
22 successfully complete the driving skills test administered by the department under  
23 par. (a) for authorization to operate "Class D" vehicles.

24           b. A requirement that the driver training school has a signed agreement with  
25 each individual who receives instruction in driver education or training from the

1 driver training school that describes the services to be provided to the individual and  
2 the costs of these services and also explains the process and requirements for  
3 certifications to the department under subd. 3., including all requirements for an  
4 individual to be eligible for a certification under subd. 3. The agreement between the  
5 driver training school and the individual must clearly advise the individual that  
6 there is no guarantee that the driver training school will provide to the department  
7 a certification under subd. 3. for the individual and that, even if the school provides  
8 a certification under subd. 3. for the individual, the department may nonetheless  
9 require the individual to successfully complete a driving skills test administered by  
10 the department.

11 5. A person is immune from civil liability for bodily injury, death, or property  
12 damage arising out of any act or omission relating to a driver training school's  
13 certification under subd. 3. of an individual.

14 **SECTION 10.** 343.72 (5m) of the statutes is amended to read:

15 343.72 (5m) No driver school may represent that completion of a course of  
16 instruction will guarantee that the student will pass the driving skills test  
17 administered by the department or by a 3rd-party tester under s. 343.16 (1) ~~(bm)~~ (b).  
18 A driver school may only represent by means of a certificate of completion that the  
19 student has satisfactorily completed the required course. This subsection does not  
20 prohibit a driver school from informing a student that the driver school is authorized  
21 to issue certifications under s. 343.16 (1) (br) 3., from providing to the student a copy  
22 of any certification under s. 343.16 (1) (br) 3. relating to the student, or from  
23 providing the information required in s. 343.16 (1) (br) 4. b.

24 **SECTION 11.** 343.72 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:





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**SECTION 1.** 343.06 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act ...  
(Senate Bill 270), is amended to read:

343.06 (1) (c) To any person under age 18 unless the person is enrolled in a school program or high school equivalency program and is not a habitual truant as defined in s. 118.16 (1) (a), has graduated from high school or been granted a declaration of high school graduation equivalency, or is enrolled in a home-based private educational program, as defined in s. 115.001 (3g), and has satisfactorily completed a course in driver education in public schools approved by the department of public instruction, or in technical colleges approved by the technical college system board, or in nonpublic and private schools or tribal schools, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), that meet the minimum standards set by the department of public instruction, or has satisfactorily completed a substantially equivalent course in driver training approved by the department and given by a school licensed by the department under s. 343.61, or has satisfactorily completed a substantially equivalent course in driver education or training approved by another state and has attained the age of 16, except as provided in s. 343.07 (1g). The department shall not issue a license to any person under the age of 18 authorizing the operation of "Class M" vehicles unless the person has successfully completed a basic rider course approved by the Wisconsin department of transportation motorcycle safety program. The department may, by rule, exempt certain persons from the basic rider course requirement of this paragraph. Applicants for a license under s. 343.08 or 343.135



1 are exempt from the driver education, basic rider or driver training course  
 2 requirement. The secretary shall prescribe rules for licensing of schools and  
 3 instructors to qualify under this paragraph. The driver education course shall be  
 4 made available to every eligible student in the state. Except as provided under s. ss.  
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 6 may be issued unless a driver's examination has been administered by the  
 7 department.

8 **Cross-reference:** Cross-reference: Cross-reference: See also ch. Trans 129, Wis. adm. code. **Cross-reference:**  
**History:** 1971 c. 40 s. 93; 1971 c. 154 s. 79 (3); 1971 c. 219; 1975 c. 184 s. 13; 1975 c. 421; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a), (c); 1977 c. 41, 238, 273, 360, 447; 1983 a. 17, 243;  
 1985 a. 202; 1987 a. 40, 122; 1987 a. 332 s. 64; 1987 a. 403; 1989 a. 31, 105; 1993 a. 16, 227, 363, 399, 491; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1995 a. 77, 113, 448; 1997 a. 27, 84, 283;  
 1999 a. 9, 140; 2001 a. 38; 2003 a. 33; 2005 a. 126, 149, 277, 387; 2007 a. 20, 97; 2009 a. 28, 103, 302; 2011 a. 23, 32, 260.

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 10 **SECTION 2.** 343.16 (1) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin Act ...  
 11 (Senate Bill 270), is amended to read:

12 343.16 (1) (a) *General.* Except as provided in par. (br) 2. and sub. (2) (cm) and  
 13 (e) and except when examination by a 3rd-party tester is permitted under pars. par.  
 14 (b) to or (c), the department shall examine every applicant for an operator's license,  
 15 including applicants for license renewal as provided in sub. (3), and every applicant  
 16 for authorization to operate a vehicle class or type for which the applicant does not  
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 22 reasonable control in the operation of a representative vehicle. The department shall  
 23 not administer a driving skills test to a person applying for authorization to operate  
 24 "Class M" vehicles who has failed 2 previous such skills tests unless the person has



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2 may, by rule, exempt certain persons from the rider course requirement of this  
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5 rider course approved by the Wisconsin department of transportation motorcycle  
6 safety program to hold an instruction permit under s. 343.07 (4) prior to the  
7 department's issuance of a license authorizing the operation of "Class M" vehicles.  
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9 "Class M" vehicles who holds an instruction permit under s. 343.07 (4) to hold it for  
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12 vehicles equipped with air brakes, the transportation of passengers in commercial  
13 motor vehicles or the operation of school buses, as provided in s. 343.04 (2) (b), (d) or  
14 (e), shall also be tested by an actual demonstration of driving skills. The department  
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19 based on successful completion of a knowledge test. In administering the knowledge  
20 test, the department shall attempt to accommodate any special needs of the  
21 applicant. Except as may be required by the department for an "H" or "S"  
22 endorsement, the knowledge test is not intended to be a test for literacy or English



23 language proficiency. This paragraph does not prohibit the department from  
24 requiring an applicant to correctly read and understand highway signs.

**History:** 1971 c. 164 s. 83; 1973 c. 90, 176; 1975 c. 36, 199; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1456, 1654 (7) (a), (c); 1977 c. 273, 418; 1979 c. 34 ss. 1067m, 2102 (52) (a); 1979 c. 221, 345; 1981 c. 20; 1983 a. 74, 243, 534, 538; 1985 a. 65, 337; 1987 a. 3, 40, 215; 1989 a. 31, 105, 359; 1991 a. 21, 32, 39, 316; 1993 a. 16, 19, 183, 399; 1995 a. 27 s. 9145 (1); 1995 a. 113, 195, 448; 1997 a. 27, 84, 237; 1999 a. 32, 140; 2001 a. 105; 2003 a. 33; 2005 a. 187, 253, 466; 2007 a. 20, 68, 97, 162; 2009 a. 28, 302; 2011 a. 32, 161; 2013 a. 94.

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## Basford, Sarah

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**From:** Gary, Aaron  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 1:53 PM  
**To:** Basford, Sarah  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting - DOT Legislative Spring Agenda

Thank you. All should go to Petrowski, including -0165. Aaron

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**From:** Basford, Sarah  
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I will go ahead and jacket these for the Senate.

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Yes – thanks Aaron!

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**From:** Gary, Aaron  
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**To:** Fiocchi, Tim; Punches, Derek; Portz, Elisabeth  
**Cc:** Basford, Sarah  
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Scratch that – rewind.

I thought these were agency drafts for DOT. Actually LRB-0169, -0175, and -0176 are Petrowski requests, with only -0165 being a DOT request.

Do you want me to jacket all of these for the senate instead, and have companions prepared for the assembly? (I'll get them out right away.)

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**From:** Gary, Aaron  
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**Cc:** Portz, Elisabeth  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting - DOT Legislative Spring Agenda

Hi Tim and Derek,

The four bills below are now assembly bills. Do you want me to enter/prepare a senate companion for Sen. Petrowski for each bill? Thanks. Aaorn

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Thanks, Liz.

I just emailed jacketing requests to Aaron for the four bills attached in my previous email (LRBs – 0165/1, 0169/1, 0175/1, 0176/1). My request also mentioned that the respective bills would be introduced in each house.

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