SENATE BILL 5324

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By Senators Pelz, A. Anderson, West and Bauer

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1 AN ACT Relating to the definition of a school bus driver; and 2 amending RCW 28A.160.210.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.160.210 and 1989 c 178 s 20 are each amended to 5 read as follows:

6 In addition to other powers and duties, the state board of 7 education shall adopt rules ((and regulations)) governing the training and qualifications of school bus drivers. For the purposes of this 8 section, "school bus driver" means a person who operates a school bus 9 10 as defined in RCW 46.04.521, as well as other motor vehicles for the routine transportation of students between home and school on scheduled 11 routes. Such rules ((and regulations)) for school bus drivers shall be 12 13 designed to insure that persons will not be employed to operate school 14 buses unless they possess such physical health and driving skills as 15 are necessary to safely operate school buses: PROVIDED, That such 16 rules ((and regulations)) shall insure that school bus drivers are 17 provided a due process hearing before any certification required by such rules ((and regulations)) is ((cancelled)) canceled: 18 PROVIDED 19 FURTHER, That such rules ((and regulations)) shall not conflict with

1 the authority of the department of licensing to license school bus 2 drivers in accordance with chapter 46.25 RCW. The state board of 3 education may obtain a copy of the driving record, as maintained by the 4 department of licensing, for consideration when evaluating a school bus 5 driver's driving skills.

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