

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1144 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY DeMEDIO, STOUT, LAUDADIO, SHANE, BRUNNER, PYLES,  
McCLATCHY, FAWCETT, McGINNIS, POLITE, FISCHER AND W. W. WILT,  
APRIL 29, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 29, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), entitled "An  
2 act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor  
3 Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and  
4 other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of  
5 vehicles and tractors," requiring school bus operators to  
6 undergo a safety education course every two years.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known  
10 as "The Vehicle Code," is amended by adding a section to read:

11 Section 609.1. School Bus Safety Education.--A driver of a  
12 public or nonpublic school bus shall have in his possession a  
13 certificate stating he has been enrolled in or has completed a  
14 course in school bus safety education conducted during or not  
15 more than two years prior to the school district fiscal year in  
16 which he drives a school bus. The course shall be provided by  
17 the Secretary of Transportation, or such agency as he may  
18 direct. The certificate of enrollment or completion of the  
19 course shall be prescribed by the Secretary of Transportation

1 and completed by an instructor of the course. The names of those  
2 who complete the course shall be reported by the instructor to  
3 the Department of Transportation and to the board of education  
4 of the school district in which the bus driver is employed. A  
5 driver who fails to complete the course within the school  
6 district fiscal year in which he is enrolled shall not be  
7 permitted to drive a bus. Nothing herein shall apply to employes  
8 or transportation equipment operators of commercial bus  
9 companies in the regular business of carrying passengers for  
10 hire.

11       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.