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By Senator Zeiger

1 AN ACT Relating to school bus driver requirements; and amending
2 RCW 28A.160.210.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.160.210 and 2006 c 263 s 906 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) In addition to other powers and duties, the superintendent of
7 public instruction shall adopt rules governing the training and
8 qualifications of school bus drivers. Such rules shall be designed to
9 insure that persons will not be employed to operate school buses
10 unless they possess such physical health and driving skills as are
11 necessary to safely operate school buses: PROVIDED, That such rules
12 shall insure that school bus drivers are provided a due process
13 hearing before any certification required by such rules is canceled:
14 PROVIDED FURTHER, That such rules shall not conflict with the
15 authority of the department of licensing to license school bus
16 drivers in accordance with chapter 46.25 RCW. The superintendent of
17 public instruction may obtain a copy of the driving record, as
18 maintained by the department of licensing, for consideration when
19 evaluating a school bus driver's driving skills.

20 (2) In addition to the rules in subsection (1) of this section,
21 the superintendent of public instruction shall adopt rules that

1 lessen burdens in hiring and training school bus drivers, including,
2 but not limited to, training hour requirements and training content,
3 in compliance with existing federal regulations.

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