



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 698**

LCO No. 3385

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

**AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO SUBMIT TO  
REGULAR DRUG TESTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 14-276a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (d) A carrier shall require each person whom it intends to employ to  
5 operate a school bus, as defined in section 14-275, or a student  
6 transportation vehicle, as defined in section 14-212, to submit to a  
7 urinalysis drug test in accordance with the provisions of sections 31-  
8 51v and 31-51w and shall require each person it employs to operate  
9 such vehicles to submit to a urinalysis drug test on an annual basis and  
10 to submit to a urinalysis drug test on a random basis in accordance  
11 with the provisions of section 31-51x and the standards set forth in 49  
12 CFR Parts 382 and 391. No carrier may employ any person who has  
13 received a positive test result for such test which was confirmed as  
14 provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of section 31-51u. No carrier may  
15 continue to employ as a driver, for two years, any person who has  
16 received a positive test result for such test which was confirmed as

17 provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of section 31-51u.  
18 No carrier may continue to employ as a driver, permanently, any  
19 person who has received a second positive test result for such test  
20 which was confirmed as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of  
21 subsection (a) of section 31-51u. The commissioner may, after notice  
22 and hearing, impose a civil penalty of not more than one thousand  
23 dollars for the first offense and two thousand five hundred dollars for  
24 each subsequent offense on any carrier which violates any provision of  
25 this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	14-276a(d)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require drivers of school buses and student transportation vehicles to submit to annual drug tests as a condition of employment in such position.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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