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HOUSE BILL 970
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/23/03

Short Title: School Bus Driver Medical Evaluations.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO MEET THE SAME MEDICAL
3 EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS AS HOLDERS OF COMMERCIAL DRIVERS
4 LICENSES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-218(a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(a) Qualifications. – No person shall drive a school bus over the highways or
8 public vehicular areas of North Carolina while it is occupied by children unless the
9 person furnishes to the superintendent of the schools of the county in which the bus
10 shall be operated a certificate from any representative duly designated by the
11 Commissioner and from the Director of Transportation or a designee of the Director in
12 charge of school buses in the county showing that the person has been examined by
13 them and is fit and competent to drive a school bus over the highways and public
14 vehicular areas of the State. The person shall submit to the superintendent of the schools
15 of the county in which the bus shall be operated the same medical examiner's certificate
16 as is required for holders of CDLs pursuant to this Chapter and federal law and
17 regulations. The driver of a school bus ~~must~~ shall be at least 18 years of age and hold a
18 Class A, B, or C commercial drivers license and a school bus driver's certificate. The
19 driver of a school activity bus ~~must~~ shall meet the same qualifications as a school bus
20 driver or ~~must~~ shall have a license appropriate for the class of vehicle being driven."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.