

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

JOE MANCHIN III

GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Betty Ireland

Secretary of State

State Capitol

Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Secretary Ireland:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section Fourteen, Article VII of the Constitution of West Virginia, I hereby disapprove and veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4554.

The Bill establishes a schedule for the administration of competency tests for school bus operators. If approved, regular school bus operators would take the test every other year. Substitute school bus operators or regular school bus operators working on a probationary contract would take the test annually. Unfortunately, I must object to this Bill because its enacting clause does not list a section reference to a section purportedly amended by the Bill. Accordingly, I find the enacting clause inconsistent with the title and the substance of the Bill so as to render the Bill constitutionally defective.

For the reasons stated herein, I must veto Enrolled Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 4554.

Very truly yours,

JOE MANCHIN III

*Governor.*