

1 **Senate Bill No. 327**

2 (By Senators Beach, Kirkendoll and Williams)

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5 [Introduced February 20, 2013; referred to the Committee on
6 Education; and then to the Committee on Government Organization.]

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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §18A-2-4a, relating
12 to school personnel; school bus operators; providing for
13 examination by any certified state business; certification of
14 out-of-state school bus operators; and requiring
15 recertification every three years.

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

17 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
18 by adding thereto a new section, designated §18A-2-4a, to read as
19 follows:

20 **ARTICLE 2. SCHOOL PERSONNEL.**

21 **§18A-2-4a. School bus operators.**

22 (a) Persons who have successfully completed a West Virginia
23 commercial driver's license training course for school bus

1 operators may take the final examination with any state business
2 that is certified and recognized by the state to administer the
3 examination.

4 (b) Certified out of state school bus operators may receive a
5 West Virginia certification upon completion of the examination. No
6 additional training is required, but potential drivers must submit
7 to drug testing and background checks as currently prescribed by
8 law.

9 (c) All school bus operators drivers must be recertified every
10 three years and have a documented performance review every other
11 year. Testing must occur prior to expiration of the current
12 license.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for examination of persons, who have successfully completed a course for a commercial driver's license, by any certified state business. It also permits certification of certain out of state school bus operators and requires recertification of school bus operators every three years.

§18A-2-4a is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.