

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 824

H.P. 606 House of Representatives, March 18, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative BAILEY of Farmington.  
Cosponsored by Representative HUSSEY of Milo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Provide Training for New School Bus  
2 Drivers.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 29 MRSA §2013-A is enacted to read:

7 §2013-A. Conditional school bus operator require-  
8 ments

9 1. Requirements. Notwithstanding section 2013,  
10 a person may operate a school bus or a private school  
11 activity bus in the actual conveyance of school chil-  
12  dren if that person:

13 A. Has a valid conditional school bus operator  
14  permit to operate the class of vehicle to be op-

1 erated and has had at least one year of experi-  
2 ence as a licensed motor vehicle operator in this  
3 State or some other state;

4 B. Meets the requirements of section 2013, sub-  
5 section 1, paragraphs B and C;

6 C. Successfully completes an approved condition-  
7 al bus driver training program of at least 8  
8 hours, 4 hours of which must consist of actual  
9 school bus operation with a person approved as a  
10 school bus trainer pursuant to subsection 2; and

11 D. Is certified by the Department of Educational  
12 and Cultural Services that the requirements of  
13 this section have been met.

14 2. Rules. The Department of Educational and  
15 Cultural Services may promulgate such rules, in ac-  
16 cordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act,  
17 Title 5, chapter 375, as are necessary to carry out  
18 this section. The Secretary of State shall promul-  
19 gate rules, in accordance with the Maine Administra-  
20 tive Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, to carry  
21 out this section which, at a minimum, shall:

22 A. Establish and provide for the enforcement of  
23 a training program for conditional school bus op-  
24 erators, as set out in subsection 1, paragraph C;

25 B. Establish standards for the designation of  
26 persons as approved school bus trainers; and

27 C. Establish and maintain a system for the issu-  
28 ance of operator permits for conditional school  
29 bus operators, including examinations and the  
30 length of time for which a permit is valid.

31 3. Failure to procure license. If a person who  
32 holds a valid conditional school bus operator permit  
33 fails an examination for an operator's license for  
34 operation of the class of vehicle to be operated, he  
35 may not reapply for that examination until he has  
36 successfully completed an additional approved train-  
37 ing program, as set out in subsection 1, paragraph C.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           The purpose of this bill is to establish a system  
3 which allows conditional school bus operators to op-  
4 erate school buses if the following requirements are  
5 met. The operator must:

6           1. Be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid  
7 conditional school bus operator's permit;

8           2. Meet certain physical and other requirements;

9           3. Have at least one year of experience as a li-  
10 censed driver; and

11           4. Successfully complete a training program com-  
12 prised of 8 hours, at least 4 hours of which must be  
13 actual school bus operation under the supervision of  
14 a school bus trainer approved by the Secretary of  
15 State.

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