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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 950, L.D. 1339, Bill, "An Act to Create Fair School Bus Driver Licensing"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2303, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1. Requirements. The Except as provided in subsection 6, the Secretary of State may not issue a school bus operator endorsement unless the applicant:

A. Holds a valid driver's license for operation of the class vehicle and has at least one year's experience as a licensed motor vehicle operator;

B. Is at least 21 years of age and has held a driver's license for at least one year;

C. Meets all training, physical, mental and moral requirements of the Commissioner of Education, as certified to the Secretary of State in writing;

D. Is qualified as a driver under the motor carrier safety regulations of the Federal Highway Administration, if that person or that person's employer is subject to those regulations;

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E. Passes an examination of the person's ability to operate the specific vehicle that will be driven as a school bus or a vehicle of comparable type;

F. Has not had a license revoked pursuant to chapter 23, subchapter V, within the preceding 6-year period; and

G. Has not received an OUI conviction, as defined in section 2401, subsection 9, within the preceding 6-year period.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2303, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Waiver of skill and road test. The Secretary of State may waive the skill and road tests for an applicant who has a valid authorization from another state to operate a school bus. The applicant for whom the skill and road tests are waived must comply with all other applicable state and federal requirements governing the issuance of school bus operator endorsements.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the bill. It allows the Secretary of State to waive the skill and road tests for an applicant for a school bus operator endorsement if the applicant has a valid authorization from another state to operate a school bus. The amendment clarifies that the applicant must satisfy all other requirements for issuance of a school bus operator endorsement.