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Overview

Amends certain bus safety and bus safety training requirements.

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- Student training. Strikes certain specific components of school bus safety training for students. Requires students in grades 9 and 10 to be trained to properly operate a motor vehicle in proximity to a school bus. Requires the district transportation safety director to certify to the superintendent instead of the commissioner that students received school bus safety training. Requires school districts to provide K-3 students with school bus safety training twice during the school year.
- **Model training program.** Strikes certain specific components of the commissioner's model school bus safety training program.
- **Comprehensive policy.** Strikes certain specific content of a school district's student transportation policy.
- **Stop required.** Exempts a type III school bus from the requirement to stop at railroad grade crossings.
- **Certification.** In addition to a body manufacturer, requires a school bus dealer or certified Minnesota commercial vehicle inspector who is also an employee of an organization purchasing a school bus to certify to the department of public safety that the product meets state standards.
- **6 Identification.** Strikes certain specific sign requirements.
- **Annual evaluation and license verification.** Strikes a requirement that specified individuals certify that a school bus driver meets certain training competencies.

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Repealer. Repeals provision dedicating the third week of school as school bus safety week (section 123B.90, subdivision 1) and requiring a "MN" designation in the body serial number of certain buses (section 169.441, subdivision 4).