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Overview

This bill makes various modifications and clarifications to the regulation of type III vehicle drivers.

Section

1 **Exception for type III vehicle drivers.** Modifies requirements that apply for a person to be able to drive a type III vehicle without having a commercial driver's license and certain endorsements, to:

- Add to driver training on loading and unloading students, so that it includes training on properly parking the vehicle when escorting pupils as part of unloading;
- Eliminate pre-employment alcohol testing;
- Allow employers to use a breathalyzer (instead of a blood test) as part of their mandatory random or reasonable suspicion testing of job applicants for a driver position;
- Create an exemption from confirmatory retest requirements under state workplace drug and alcohol testing law; and
- Make technical changes, to clarify terminology and include a cross reference.

2 **Rules.** Authorizes the commissioner of public safety to use the same physical qualification requirements for type III vehicle drivers that apply (under federal regulations) to commercial motor vehicle drivers. This includes authority to grant a waiver from the qualifications if the driver has been medically examined within the last 24 months and meets the federal requirements. Exempts the department from rulemaking on the provision.