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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill amends regulations governing school bus endorsements (which are additional privileges to operate a school bus added to a driver's license), to (1) expand the requirements for obtaining a temporary endorsement, and (2) set regulations for when a person having a school bus endorsement is charged with a felony.

#### Section

- 1 **Endorsement.** Clarifies which regulatory statutes are used by the Department of Public Safety in administering school bus endorsements on a driver's license.
- 2 **Records check of applicant.** Removes a provision on temporary school bus endorsements, which is replaced by amended requirements in section 3 of the bill.
- 3 **Application for temporary endorsement; records check.** Establishes conditions for the department to issue a temporary school bus endorsement for up to 180 days, including notarized affidavits from both the applicant and the applicant's employer (e.g., a school district). Identifies permissible sources for the required background check.
- 4 **Felony charges.** Requires that, when a person has been charged with a felony:
  - ▶ the Department of Public cannot issue an initial school bus endorsement until the person has been found not guilty;
  - ▶ the driver to notify the employer of the charges; and

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- ▶ the Department of Public Safety revoke the endorsement upon a driver's failure to notify the employer, with conditions identified for when the endorsement can be reinstated.