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Overview

This bill modifies various provisions in the area of pupil and Head Start transportation regulations, covering Head Start buses, bus operator contracts, and type III vehicle driver employer notification. (Type III vehicles are passenger-type automobiles, such as minivans and SUVs, that can be operated without a commercial driver's license to transport students when various training and qualification requirements are met.) Changes would go into effect August 1, 2017.

Section

- Head Start bus. Excludes Type III vehicles as a type of Head Start bus. Narrows a requirement that Head Start buses be painted a color that is not the standard school bus yellow, so that Head Start buses equipped as school buses (i.e., with a stop-arm, warning lights, and red light system) can be painted yellow.
- **Rules.** Eliminates a requirement that administrative rules on school bus operation must be included in contracts with private bus operators.
- **Exception for type III vehicle drivers.** Adds to the regulations governing operating a type III vehicle for pupil transportation without a commercial driver's license to require employer notification immediately following notice of a loss of driving privilege.