

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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 GLEIM, IRVIN, JOZWIAK AND GILLEN, JANUARY 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 30, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in licensing of drivers, providing for accelerated
 3 school bus endorsement program.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1509.1. Accelerated school bus endorsement program.

9 (a) General rule.--The department shall establish a program
 10 by which the department may issue an endorsement to operate a
 11 school bus to commercial drivers through an accelerated process.
 12 The department shall develop the minimum standards and
 13 promulgate regulations necessary to implement the accelerated
 14 process within 180 days of the effective date of this section.

15 (b) Eligibility.--An individual is not eligible for the
 16 program under subsection (a) unless the individual holds a
 17 commercial driver's license issued under section 1606 (relating
 18 to requirement for commercial driver's license) in accordance

1 with the requirements of section 1607 (relating to commercial
2 driver's license qualification standards).

3 (c) Federal approval.--Within one year from the effective
4 date of this subsection, the department shall submit a proposal
5 to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for approval
6 of the program under subsection (a) to ensure the Commonwealth
7 does not violate the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986
8 (Title XII of Public Law 99-570, 49 U.S.C. § 31302 et. seq).
9 Upon receipt of the approval by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
10 Administration, the department shall transmit notice of the
11 approval to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in
12 the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect as follows:

14 (1) The following provisions shall take effect
15 immediately:

16 (i) This section.

17 (ii) The addition of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1509.1(c).

18 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect upon the
19 publication of the notice under 75 Pa.C.S. § 1509.1(c).