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NINETY-THIRD SESSION**

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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing certain third-party testing by transit operators;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.3213.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.3213, is amended to read:

1.6 **171.3213 THIRD-PARTY TESTING OF ~~SCHOOL BUS~~ CERTAIN DRIVERS.**

1.7 (a) A school district that is a third-party testing program and owns or operates school
1.8 buses may enter into an agreement with other school districts to test the other districts'
1.9 school bus driver employees. A school bus company that is a third-party testing program
1.10 and owns or operates school buses may enter into an agreement with other school bus
1.11 companies to test the other companies' school bus driver employees.

1.12 (b) A transit operator that is a third-party testing program and owns or operates transit
1.13 buses may enter into an agreement with other transit operators to test the other transit
1.14 operators' transit bus driver employees.

1.15 (c) A third-party testing program that performs testing under this section may be
1.16 reimbursed by the tested driver's school district ~~or~~, school bus company, or transit operator.

1.17 ~~The~~ (d) An agreement under this section must be submitted to the commissioner for
1.18 approval. A certified third-party tester must be employed by a school district or a school
1.19 bus company providing the third-party testing program that provides the testing services.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.