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AN ACT
RELATING TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION; ESTABLISHING A DAILY SALARY FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVING SERVICES; REQUIRING PAYMENT OF GROSS RECEIPTS TAX TO SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:
SECTION 1. A new section of Chapter 22, Article 16 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:
"[NEW MATERIAL] SCHOOL BUS DRIVER SALARY--GROSS RECEIPTS TAX.--
A. A school district or state-chartered charter school shall pay to a school bus driver a salary of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per day for each day the driver performs school bus driving services. A school bus service contract entered into on or after the effective date of this section shall include a provision that requires that school bus drivers . 219185.1
be paid the salary mandated in this subsection.
B. When making transportation distribution payments to school districts and state-chartered charter schools, the department shall ensure that appropriate amounts are distributed to pay each school bus driver, whether driving for a school district-owned bus operation, a state-chartered charter school or a school bus contractor, the daily salary mandated in Subsection $A$ of this section.
C. A school district or a state-chartered charter school shall pay a school bus contractor the appropriate gross receipts tax on payments the contractor receives for those contract services that do not include school bus driving for which drivers are paid the salary mandated in Subsection A of this section."

