

SENATE BILL 356

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21 and Title 55, Chapter 50, relative to examinations for applicants for a school bus endorsement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 50, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) If an applicant for a school bus endorsement, as defined in § 55-50-102(22)(E), successfully completes the knowledge examination and is tardy or absent for the skills examination, and the applicant presents sufficient facts to the department that the applicant's tardiness or absenteeism is for good cause, the department shall waive any waiting period required to reschedule the skills examination for the applicant.

(b) The department shall not require an applicant for a school bus endorsement to leave a voice mail message during business hours to schedule or reschedule, as applicable, the skills examination for the applicant.

(c) Any waiting period or other delay required for an applicant for a school bus endorsement to retake any portion of the knowledge examination in which the applicant failed to successfully pass, shall not exceed one (1) business day.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.