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By Senator Braun

1 On page 4, after line 36, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. RCW 28A.160.210 and 2006 c 263 s 906 are each amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (1) In addition to other powers and duties, the superintendent of
5 public instruction shall adopt rules governing the training and
6 qualifications of school bus drivers. Such rules shall be designed to
7 insure that persons will not be employed to operate school buses
8 unless they possess such physical health and driving skills as are
9 necessary to safely operate school buses: PROVIDED, That such rules
10 shall insure that school bus drivers are provided a due process
11 hearing before any certification required by such rules is canceled:
12 PROVIDED FURTHER, That such rules shall not conflict with the
13 authority of the department of licensing to license school bus
14 drivers in accordance with chapter 46.25 RCW. The superintendent of
15 public instruction may obtain a copy of the driving record, as
16 maintained by the department of licensing, for consideration when
17 evaluating a school bus driver's driving skills.

18 (2) The rules adopted by the superintendent of public instruction
19 governing the training and qualifications of school bus drivers must
20 also apply to drivers transporting students in a Washington state
21 patrol-inspected school vehicle other than a school bus. A driver
22 that exclusively transports students in such a vehicle must have the
23 appropriate driver's license for the vehicle, and may not be required
24 to hold a commercial driver's license."

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25 On page 1, beginning on line 3 of the title, after "28A.160.180,"
26 strike "and 28A.160.195" and insert "28A.160.195, and 28A.160.210"

EFFECT: (1) Provides that the rules adopted by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction governing the training and qualifications of school bus drivers must also apply to drivers transporting students in a Washington state patrol-inspected school vehicle other than a school bus.

(2) Provides that a driver that exclusively transports students in such a vehicle must have the appropriate driver's license for the vehicle, and may not be required to hold a commercial driver's license.

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