

HB 1281 -- School Bus Transportation Safety

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This bill requires the State Board of Education to audit school district transportation contracts. School districts must consult the sex offender registration list before selecting bus stops and have manifests with student information for bus drivers so nonstudents can be denied access to buses. Districts must also give transportation program and safety information to students' parents. Districts must send current bus driver and applicant driver fingerprints for a Missouri criminal records review and a national criminal record review, reporting the results to any private bus company, if applicable. Applicants and current drivers may be reimbursed for the cost of the background check. The bill also adds the frame of the bus to the list of items for State Highway Patrol bus safety inspection.