

HCS HBs 1626 & 1940 -- SCHOOL BUS ENDORSEMENTS

SPONSOR: Busick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Transportation Accountability by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 7 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HB 1626.

Currently, for persons 70 years and older who have school bus endorsements on their drivers license, the license is issued or renewed for only one year at a time, the renewal fee is waived, the school bus portion of the drivers license examination must be taken annually, and a commercial drivers license with a school bus endorsement must be issued annually.

This bill changes the age for these specific provisions to age 77 or over.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that there is a shortage of people willing to be school bus drivers. Many are retired persons of an older age and this bill will make it less burdensome for them to be school bus drivers. Local school officials will know better than the legislature if a person is not fit to be a school bus driver.

Testifying in person for the bill was Representative Busick.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.