

HCS HB 538 -- SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION (Diehl)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Elementary and
Secondary Education

This bill expands the current background check requirements for school districts to specifically include charter schools. The bill includes drivers of other vehicles owned by school districts or charter schools in the requirement for a background check and clarifies that for drivers employed or contracted by a pupil transportation company under contract with a school district or charter school, the pupil transportation company must conduct the criminal background check.

Currently, the license for individuals 70 years and older, who have school bus endorsements on their drivers 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 driver's license with a school bus endorsement must be issued annually.

The bill changes the age for these specific provisions to the age of 75 or older and changes the license examination requirement to every two years.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2423 (2024) and includes language similar to HB 296 and HB 438(2025).