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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

No. **209** Session of  
1961

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MESSRS. YATRON, SESLER AND ROONEY, IN PLACE,  
FEBRUARY 13, 1961.

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD READING, APRIL 25, 1961.

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**AN ACT**

Amending the act of April 29 1959 (P L 58) entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code the Tractor Code the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership possession and use of vehicles and tractors" providing for school bus drivers' seminars ~~requiring~~ **AND THE ATTENDANCE OF** school bus drivers ~~to attend~~ **AT** such seminars and imposing duties upon county superintendents of schools in relation thereto

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter ~~stricken through~~ is to be omitted from bill.  
Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows

1 Section 1 Section 609 act of April 29 1959 (P L 58) known as

2 "The Vehicle Code" is amended to read

3 Section 609 Additional Examinations for School Bus Operators

4 (a) After July 1 1950 no person shall operate a school bus carry-  
5 ing school children on the highways of this Commonwealth unless he  
6 (1) shall have satisfactorily passed an additional examination for school  
7 bus operators to be given by the secretary or such agency as he may  
8 direct establishing his fitness and competency to operate such school bus  
9 with safety and his knowledge of the laws and regulations relating to  
10 the operation of school buses (2) carries a currently valid school bus  
11 operator's certificate issued by the secretary pursuant to such examina-  
12 tion (3) has satisfactorily passed a physical examination to be given by  
13 the physician for the school district by which he is employed and (4)  
14 carries a certificate issued by the examining physician at the time of  
15 examination indicating that he has passed the prescribed physical exam-  
16 ination including an examination of the eyes Such certificate issued by  
17 the examining physician shall be valid for a period of one (1) year  
18 from the date of its issuance The provisions of this section shall not

1 apply to operators employed by any person or company subject to the  
2 jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

3 (b) After September 1 1961 no person shall operate a school bus  
4 carrying school children on the highways of this Commonwealth unless  
5 such person shall in addition to the requirements set forth in subsection

6 (a) hereof have attended and satisfactorily completed a school bus  
7 drivers' seminar as hereinafter provided The county superintendent of  
8 schools of each county of this Commonwealth shall in cooperation with  
9 the Pennsylvania State Police arrange for and conduct a school bus  
10 drivers' seminar to be held in such county which seminar shall be of  
11 not less than one (1) nor more than three (3) days duration in the  
12 month of August of each year Each county superintendent of schools  
13 shall require REQUEST the attendance of all persons operating school  
14 buses within the county to attend such seminars and he shall issue an  
15 executed card or other certification of compliance with this requirement  
16 to every person so attending PROVIDED THAT IN EMERGENCIES  
17 A PERSON OTHERWISE QUALIFIED AS A SCHOOL BUS  
18 DRIVER MAY OPERATE SUCH BUS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO  
19 WEEKS

1       Penalty Any person violating any of the provisions of this section  
 2 shall upon summary conviction before a magistrate be sentenced to pay  
 3 a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and not more than  
 4 fifty dollars (\$50.00) and costs of prosecution and in default of the  
 5 payment thereof shall undergo imprisonment for not less than ten  
 6 (10) days and not more than twenty-five (25) days

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of  
 Representatives.

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 Chief Clerk, Senate

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 President pro tempore, Senate

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 Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The ..... day of ..... A. D. 1961.

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 (Governor