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NEV. REV. STAT. §392.— (new); §§392.360, 392.380 (amended).
AB 457 (Redelsperger); 1983 STAT. Ch 322

Chapter 322 provides that each school district¹ must require all pupils in the district who ride a school bus² to practice evacuations from school buses twice during each school year.³ In addition, practice evacuations will be required at the beginning of any field trip using a school bus.⁴

The provisions of Chapter 322 also affect the duties and qualifications of school bus drivers.⁵ Drivers are prohibited from operating a school vehicle⁶ for more than ten hours in a fifteen hour period.⁷ Furthermore, after ten hours of operation, drivers must rest for ten hours before resuming their duties.⁸

Existing law requires drivers of school buses or vehicles transporting pupils in connection with school activities to be (1) of good, reputable and sober character,⁹ and (2) competent, qualified, and licensed to operate the particular type of vehicle.¹⁰ Chapter 322 expands this list of qualifications¹¹ by requiring each driver to complete a training course approved by the State Board of Education.¹² This course must include at least ten hours of training while operating a vehicle,¹³ and ten hours

1. NEV. REV. STAT. §386.010 (creation of school district).

2. *Id.* §483.160 (definition of school bus).

3. 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §1(1), at 772.

4. *Id.* c. 322, §1(2), at 772. Regulations adopted by the Board of Trustees of each school district will govern these evacuations. *Id.*

5. Compare NEV. REV. STAT. §§392.360, 392.380 (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §§2, 3, at 772-773) with 1956 Nev. Stat. c. 8, §395, at 168 (enacting NEV. REV. STAT. §392.360), 1979 Nev. Stat. c. 667, §159, at 1616 (amending NEV. REV. STAT. §392.380).

6. NEV. REV. STAT. §392.320 (definition of vehicle). See generally 340 Op. Att'y Gen. 300 (1958) (types of vehicles falling within NEV. REV. STAT. §392.320).

7. 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §2(3), at 772 (fifteen hour period includes the time spent operating, inspecting, repairing, and waiting for passengers).

8. *Id.* c. 322, §2(3), at 772. The State Board of Education will adopt regulations to carry out these provisions. *Id.* c. 322, §2(4), at 772.

9. NEV. REV. STAT. §392.380(1)(a).

10. *Id.* §392.380(1)(b), (c).

11. Compare *id.* §392.380 (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §3(2), at 773) with 1979 Nev. Stat. c. 667, §159, at 1616 (amending NEV. REV. STAT. §392.380).

12. NEV. REV. STAT. §392.380(2) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §3(2), at 773).

13. *Id.*

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of training in (1) the responsibilities of drivers,¹⁴ (2) the requirements for drivers of school vehicles,¹⁵ (3) the laws affecting the operation of a school vehicle,¹⁶ (4) defensive driving,¹⁷ (5) emergency procedures,¹⁸ and (6) first aid.¹⁹ Finally, Chapter 322 mandates that each driver pass a written test administered annually by the local school district.²⁰

14. *Id.* §392.380(2)(a) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §3(2)(a), at 773).

15. *Id.* §392.380(2)(b) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §3(2)(b), at 773).

16. *Id.* §392.380(2)(c) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §3(2)(c), at 773).

17. *Id.* §392.380(2)(d) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §3(2)(d), at 773).

18. *Id.* §392.380(2)(e) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §3(2)(e), at 773).

19. *Id.* §392.380(2)(f) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §3(2)(f), at 773).

20. *Id.* §392.380(3) (amended by 1983 Nev. Stat. c. 322, §3(3), at 773); *see id.* §392.380(5) (State Board of Education will adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of NEV. REV. STAT. §392.380).