

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of hearing

to amend Rules 4501-1-01, -03, -05, -06, -07, -09, -13, -14, -15, and -16,
to rescind Rules 4501-1-08 and -10,
and to adopt new Rules 4501-1-08 and -10
of the Ohio Administrative Code in accordance with
Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held by the Ohio Department of Public Safety for the purpose of considering the above-listed administrative rules.

Based on a five-year, section 119.032 of the Ohio Revised Code rule review, and as authorized in Section 4511.76 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Department of Public Safety proposes to amend Rules 4501-1-01, -03, -05, -06, -07, -09, -13, -14, -15, and -16, to rescind Rules 4501-1-08 and -10, and to adopt new Rules 4501-1-08 and -10 of the Ohio Administrative Code. These rules are regarding requirements related to the licensure of those who provide transportation to pupils to or from school on a school bus or who enter into a contract with a board of education of any school district for the transportation of pupils on a school bus.

Proposed language changes are to update and clarify the requirements of Chapter 4501-1 of the Administrative Code including changes to match the Administrative Code definition of "license" with the Revised Code definition by adding the language "on a school bus" and "for the transportation of pupils on a school bus," changes to clarify the director's discretion in taking action against a license by replacing in several rules the term "shall" with "may" and adding the language "suspend, or take other appropriate action on" regarding a license for violation of provisions addressed in Chapter 4501-1 of the Administrative Code such as requirements for driver qualifications, requirements for criminal records, requirements for maintaining a performance bond, requirements for maintaining liability insurance coverage, and requirements for fulfilling contract commitments for the transportation of pupils, changes to clarify and update requirements by replacing the language "convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude" with "convicted of a crime involving a violation specified in Rule 3301-20-01 of the Administrative Code," changes to further clarify driver qualifications with the inclusion of statutory and Administrative Code references, changes to update and replace the practice of issuing licenses without expiration dates with the practice of issuing licenses that remain valid through an expiration date on the license (yearly) with the clarification that every license issued by the director may be revoked or suspended regardless of the expiration date listed on the license, changes to clarify that every school bus shall be required to be operated in compliance with the operation and safety rules established by the Ohio department of education in Chapter 3301-83 of the Administrative Code, and changes to clarify that failure to submit the annual status report shall cause a license to not be renewed.

A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held Friday, November 16, 2007 at

10:00 a.m. in room 109 (first floor) of the Charles D. Shipley Building, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Either written or oral testimony will be received at the hearing. Additionally, written comments received at the address below before the hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rules or comments on them should be submitted in person or by mail to the following address: Office of Legal Services, Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 West Broad Street, Suite 531, P.O. Box 182081, Columbus, Ohio 43218-2081, Telephone: (614) 466-7014.