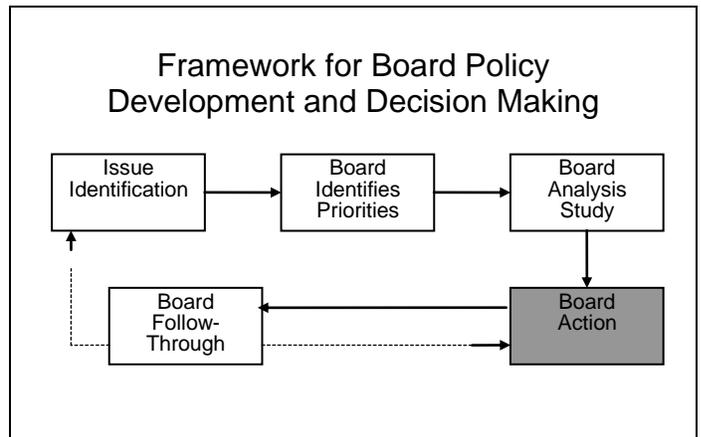


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

January 27, 2011



Agenda Item:

Rules: Chapter 43 - Pupil Transportation (Notice)

Iowa Goal:

All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.

Equity Impact Statement:

Support the improvement of school bus safety.

Presenter:

None (consent agenda)

Attachments:

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Recommendation:

It is recommended that the State Board give public notice of its intent to amend Chapter 43.

Background:

Because the training for new bus drivers is more extensive and comprehensive than was the former training, it is no longer necessary for new drivers to be required to take the annual training in the year in which they must receive the new training. However, an employer retains the power to require additional training, at the discretion of the employer. The other change is grammatical.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 43, “Pupil Transportation,” Iowa Administrative Code.

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An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before March 15, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendments should be directed to Carol Greta, Office of the Director, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319–0146; telephone (515)281–8661; E–mail carol.greta@iowa.gov; or fax (515)281–4122.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 285.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule **281—43.32(285)** as follows:

281—43.32(285) Drivers’ schools. All school bus drivers shall attend classes or schools of instruction as approved by the department of education and provided for in Iowa Code subsection 321.376(2). ~~The course of instruction for new drivers, to be successfully~~

~~completed within the first six months of employment, shall also include the annual course of instruction for the school year in which the new driver is hired.~~ All new drivers shall, within the first six months of employment, successfully complete the “new driver STOP class” approved by the department. All current school bus drivers shall attend the ~~only~~ annual course of instruction, ~~unless the current driver misses a year of instruction.~~ Upon missing a year of instruction, a current driver shall successfully complete the course of instruction for new drivers prior to receiving an authorization. The employer of a school bus driver may impose additional training requirements for any new or current drivers.