

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The State Infrastructure Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to for-hire bus drivers; creating s.  
7 125.5805, F.S.; requiring counties to adopt ordinances  
8 relating to registration of drivers who transport school  
9 students for hire; providing requirements for drivers,  
10 including background screening and commercial driver  
11 licensure; providing responsibilities relating to  
12 background screening; providing for reimbursement of  
13 costs; providing for applicability; providing an effective  
14 date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Section 125.5805, Florida Statutes, is created  
19 to read:

20 125.5805 For-hire bus drivers; transport of school  
21 students; required local ordinances; minimum requirements;  
22 reimbursement of costs; exclusion.--

23       (1) No later than January 1, 2006, all counties must adopt  
 24 an ordinance that requires every driver of a motor vehicle that  
 25 is regularly used for the transportation of students to or from  
 26 school, or to or from school activities, who receives  
 27 compensation for such services to register with the county.

28       (2) The ordinance shall require, at a minimum, that by  
 29 January 1, 2006, each driver:

30       (a) Must meet level 2 background screening standards as  
 31 set forth in chapter 435. The county shall submit the  
 32 fingerprints of each driver to the Department of Law Enforcement  
 33 for state processing and the Department of Law Enforcement shall  
 34 forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 35 for national processing. The Department of Law Enforcement shall  
 36 render an invoice to the county for the fingerprints submitted  
 37 each month. The county shall screen background results to  
 38 determine if the applicant meets the level 2 background  
 39 screening standards.

40       (b) Must hold a valid commercial driver's license with a  
 41 passenger endorsement.

42       (3) Each driver shall reimburse the county for any costs  
 43 of background screening or for any other expenses related to  
 44 administration of the ordinance.

45       (4) The provisions of this section shall not apply to  
 46 drivers employed by a public school or private school who meet  
 47 the requirements of s. 1012.45 or s. 1002.42.

48       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.