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## SENATE BILL No. 339

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DIGEST OF SB 339 (Updated January 21, 2015 4:36 pm - DI 71)

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-27.

**Synopsis:** School bus monitors. Provides that the visual acuity required of a school bus driver is not required of a school bus monitor.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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### Rogers, Kruse

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January 8, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Education & Career Development.  
January 22, 2015, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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First Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. IC 20-27-8-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION  
2 11, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
3 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) An individual may not drive a school bus for the  
4 transportation of students or be employed as a school bus monitor  
5 unless the individual satisfies the following requirements:  
6           (1) Is of good moral character.  
7           (2) Does not use intoxicating liquor during school hours.  
8           (3) Does not use intoxicating liquor to excess at any time.  
9           (4) Is not addicted to any narcotic drug.  
10          (5) Is at least:  
11           (A) twenty-one (21) years of age for driving a school bus; or  
12           (B) eighteen (18) years of age for employment as a school bus  
13           monitor.  
14          (6) In the case of a school bus driver, holds a valid public  
15           passenger chauffeur's license or commercial driver's license  
16           issued by the state or any other state.

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- 1 (7) Possesses the following required physical characteristics:  
 2 (A) Sufficient physical ability to be a school bus driver, as  
 3 determined by the committee.  
 4 (B) The full normal use of both hands, both arms, both feet,  
 5 both legs, both eyes, and both ears.  
 6 (C) Freedom from any communicable disease that:  
 7 (i) may be transmitted through airborne or droplet means; or  
 8 (ii) requires isolation of the infected person under 410  
 9 IAC 1-2.3.  
 10 (D) Freedom from any mental, nervous, organic, or functional  
 11 disease that might impair the person's ability to properly  
 12 operate a school bus.  
 13 (E) **This clause does not apply to a school bus monitor.**  
 14 Visual acuity, with or without glasses, of at least 20/40 in each  
 15 eye and a field of vision with one hundred fifty (150) degree  
 16 minimum and with depth perception of at least eighty percent  
 17 (80%).  
 18 (b) This subsection applies to a school bus monitor.  
 19 Notwithstanding subsection (a)(5)(B), a school corporation or school  
 20 bus driver may not employ an individual who is less than twenty-one  
 21 (21) years of age as a school bus monitor unless the school corporation  
 22 or school bus driver does not receive a sufficient number of qualified  
 23 applicants for employment as a school bus monitor who are at least  
 24 twenty-one (21) years of age. A school corporation or school bus driver  
 25 shall maintain a record of applicants, their ages, and their qualifications  
 26 to show compliance with this subsection.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education & Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 339, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 339 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

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