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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1179

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to transportation; authorizing public transit operators to perform third-party

1.3testing for school buses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 171.01, by

1.4adding subdivisions; 171.3213.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.01, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.7to read:

1.8Subd. 46a. **School bus service.** "School bus service" means transportation services

1.9provided to students using either a school bus as defined in section 169.011, subdivision

1.1071, or public transportation service as defined in section 174.22, subdivision 7.

1.11Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to

1.12read:

1.13Subd. 48f. **Transit operator.** "Transit operator" means a provider of transit bus services

1.14as defined in section 169.011, subdivision 87.

1.15Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 171.3213, is amended to read:

1.16**171.3213 THIRD-PARTY TESTING OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.**

1.17A school district that is a third-party testing program and owns or operates school buses

1.18may enter into an agreement with other school districts to test the other districts' school bus

1.19driver employees. A school bus company that is a third-party testing program and owns or

1.20operates school buses may enter into an agreement with other school bus companies, school

1.21districts, or transit operators to test the other companies' employees, districts' school bus

2.1 driver employees, or transit operators' transit bus driver employees who provide school bus  
2.2 service. A third-party testing program may be reimbursed by the tested driver's school  
2.3 district or company. The agreement must be submitted to the commissioner for approval.  
2.4 A certified third-party tester must be employed by a school district or a school bus company  
2.5 providing the testing services.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025, and applies to agreements  
2.7 entered into on and after that date.