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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1649

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; providing for third-party testing for school bus companies;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.01, by adding subdivisions;
1.4 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 48c. Third-party tester. "Third-party tester" means an individual who is an
1.9 employee of a third-party testing program who has qualified for a third-party tester certificate
1.10 issued by the commissioner granting the individual authorization to conduct road tests or
1.11 skills tests.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 171.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
1.13 read:

1.14 Subd. 48d. Third-party testing program. "Third-party testing program" means a
1.15 program authorized by the commissioner to administer to an individual the road test or skills
1.16 test.

1.17 Sec. 3. [171.3213] THIRD-PARTY TESTING OF SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.

1.18 A school district that is a third-party testing program and owns or operates school buses
1.19 may enter into an agreement with other school districts to test the other districts' school bus
1.20 driver employees. A school bus company that is a third-party testing program and owns or
1.21 operates school buses may enter into an agreement with other school bus companies to test

- 2.1 the other companies' school bus driver employees. The agreement must be submitted to the
- 2.2 commissioner for approval. A certified third-party tester must be employed by a school
- 2.3 district or a school bus company providing the testing services.