

CCS SCS HCS HB 895 & HB 986 -- SCHOOL BUS OPERATOR'S PERMITS;  
HEAD START BUSES; SOLAR-POWERED VEHICLES

(Vetoed by the Governor)

This bill allows people over the age of 70 to apply for school bus operator's permits, which will be renewed annually. To renew a permit, applicants over the age of 70 must annually pass a medical examination, a written skills test, and a driving test.

This bill also denies public school bus operator's permits to applicants who have pled guilty to or been found guilty of specified felonies or misdemeanors. Current law only denies permits to applicants who have been convicted of these crimes. Offenses involving the endangerment of a child, weapons offenses, and drug offenses are added to those specified felonies or misdemeanors that permanently disqualify a person from receiving a permit.

Either the Department of Social Services or the Missouri Highway Patrol will provide the record or denial of clearance of a school bus permit application within 5 days of the date requested, instead of within 30 days as current law dictates. The Highway Patrol is authorized to obtain any information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation that might aid in providing the record or denial of clearance.

The fee for a new or renewed school bus permit is raised from \$3 to \$11. If the applicant is at least 70 years old, the fee will be \$3.75.

Any school bus currently used to transport children in a Head Start program may bear signs indicating that it is a Head Start school bus. Effective August 28, 1996, any new school bus that will be used to transport Head Start children must have signs indicating that it is a Head Start school bus.

The Director of Revenue will register, title, and issue a special license plate to any solar-powered vehicle assembled by a college or university to compete in a national competition promoting solar energy.