

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

210:30-5-8. School bus driver certification [AMENDED]

- a. What is the purpose of the proposed rule change?

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to bring rule in conformity with statute(s) as well as clarify procedures and administrative functions of the State Board of Education (“SBE”) and the State Department of Education (“SDE” or “Department”). Further, the proposed change allows for revocation of bus driver certifications when certain criteria is met and expands the criteria for revocations and suspensions of licenses.

- b. What classes of persons will be affected by the proposed rule change and what classes of persons will bear the costs of the proposed rule change?

The proposed change may affect students and their parent(s) or guardian(s), local education agencies (“LEAs”), school teachers, administrators, and other school personnel as well as members of the public dealing with LEAs, the SBE, and the SDE. No costs are anticipated with these changes.

- c. What classes of persons will benefit from the proposed rule change?

The proposed change may be beneficial to students and their parent(s) or guardian(s), LEAs, school teachers, administrators, and other school personnel as well as members of the public dealing with LEAs, the SBE, and the SDE by allowing for cleaner processes as well as aligning rule with statute(s).

- d. What is the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions?

The Department does not anticipate an economic impact upon persons or political subdivisions.

- e. What is the probable cost to the agency to implement and enforce the proposed rule change?

The Department does not anticipate any significant additional costs to the SBE or the SDE to implement and enforce the rule as a result of the proposed change in the rule at this time. Additional services, if any, will be performed by existing staff.

- f. What is the economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule change? Will the rule require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule?

The Department does not anticipate an economic impact upon persons or political subdivisions.

- g. Will implementing the rule change have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act?

The proposed change is not directly related, or applicable to the economy or small business. The Department does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small business as a result of the proposed change at this time.

h. What methods has the agency taken to minimize compliance costs? Are there any other methods which are less costly, nonregulatory, or less intrusive to achieve the purpose of the proposed rule change?

The Department does not anticipate any compliance costs and therefore is not aware of any other methods that could achieve the intended goal at a reduced burden.

i. Will the rule change impact the public health, safety, and environment, and is the change designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety, and environment? If so, explain nature of risk and to what extent the proposed rule change will reduce the risk.

The proposed change does not concern public health, safety, or the environment.

j. What detrimental effect will there be on the public health, safety, and environment if the rule change is not implemented?

If the proposed change is not implemented, there would be a detrimental effect on public safety as bus drivers could escape liability and potentially remain certified after violation or conviction of the following, non-exhaustive list: state law, federal law, SDE rules, any of the offenses or bases for revocation set forth in 70 O.S. §§ 3-104 or 3-104.1, etc..

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