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Present law defines school bus operator as an employee certified to have participated in a school bus operators instructional program or in-service training provided by the state Department of Education (DOE), be at least 21 years of age, and certified to have passed any physical exam required by DOE. Present law further provides that it shall be unlawful for anyone not certified to those stipulations to transport school students to and from any such school.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires a school bus operator to hold current CPR and first aid certificates that are in compliance with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Present law requires the DOE to develop and implement a program for training and certifying school bus operators.

Proposed law retains present law and further requires the DOE training program to include sessions that will qualify participants to obtain CPR and first aid certifications or recertifications that are in compliance with OSHA requirements.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:491(A) and 497.4)