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February 14, 2019

Please take note of the following proposed actions regarding the pupil transportation operation and safety rules.

**1) The following rules have been filed with JCARR for action.**

ODE and the State Board of Education have reviewed and submitted these rules to JCARR in the final steps of implementing these changes. JCARR has a public hearing scheduled for these changes on March 11, 2019.

For your convenience, a single file with these rules has been compiled and is available for your use here: [February ODE JCARR rules](#)

Rule Number	Agency	Tagline
<a href="#">3301-83-03</a>	Education	Purpose
<a href="#">3301-83-04</a>	Education	Scope and definition
<a href="#">3301-83-05</a>	Education	Administration
<a href="#">3301-83-09</a>	Education	Pupil instruction
<a href="#">3301-83-10</a>	Education	Personnel training program
<a href="#">3301-83-12</a>	Education	Safety procedures
<a href="#">3301-83-14</a>	Education	Records and reports
<a href="#">3301-83-15</a>	Education	Emergency and evacuation procedures
<a href="#">3301-83-17</a>	Education	Authorized and unauthorized passengers
<a href="#">3301-83-18</a>	Education	Passenger capacity
<a href="#">3301-83-19</a>	Education	Authorized vehicles for transportation of pupils to and from school and school-related events
<a href="#">3301-83-21</a>	Education	Supplementary provisions for county boards of developmental disabilities
<a href="#">3301-83-22</a>	Education	Vehicle maintenance
<a href="#">3301-83-23</a>	Education	Employment of school bus and van drivers with certain criminal convictions
<a href="#">3301-83-24</a>	Education	School transportation fees

**2) In a separate rules action, ODE is proposing changes in six additional rules.**

For your convenience a single file with these rules has been compiled and is available for your use here: [ODE proposed rule changes Feb 2019](#)

Following is the text of ODE's email regarding this matter:

The rules listed below recently have been reviewed by the Ohio Department of Education. View the rules on the [Department's website](#). You may provide comments about the rules by email to [rulecomments@education.ohio.gov](mailto:rulecomments@education.ohio.gov) no later than **March 6, 2019**.

Pupil Transportation Rules [3301-83-06](#), [3301-83-07](#), [3301-83-08](#), [3301-83-11](#), [3301-83-13](#), and [3301-83-20](#) are being reviewed pursuant to the five-year rule review. The following reflects the Department's recommendations after public comment:

**OAC 3301-83-06**, titled "Personnel Qualifications," is being amended to align with Ohio law and clarify qualification requirements.

**OAC 3301-83-07**, titled "School Transportation Driver Physical Qualifications Rule," is being amended to clarify requirements for medical examinations and amend the list of individuals permitted to conduct physical examinations so that it is consistent for all school transportation drivers.

**OAC 3301-83-08**, titled "Pupil Transportation Management Policies," is being amended to require the adoption of policies and procedures.

**OAC 3301-83-11**, titled "School Bus Inspections," is being amended to remove the list of items contained in the inspection report and clarify requirements.

**OAC 3301-83-13**, titled "School Bus Routes and Stops," is being amended to require the adoption of policies and procedures for bus stop locations and actual stops and add requirements currently listed in OAC 3301-83-20, General Rules, as the requirements pertain to bus stops and routes.

**OAC 3301-83-20**, titled "General Rules," is being amended to remove the two requirements that are being added to OAC 3301-83-13, School Bus Routes and Stops, and add language regarding a school district's responsibility to transport students attending chartered nonpublic, community or joint vocational schools on days the school district is not in session.

**3) If you have concerns with either the JCARR submitted rules or the separate set of rules changes being proposed by ODE, it is important for you to follow the procedures to offer testimony or to submit comments to ODE.**

If you are interested in participating in a stakeholders work group to review the changes and considering the impact please contact us at [schoolbus@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:schoolbus@ohioschoolboards.org).

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