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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing an exemption to the qualifications for school  
2 bus drivers for hearing-impaired individuals authorized to  
3 transport students or clients by the superintendent of the  
4 Iowa braille and sight saving school or the state school for  
5 the deaf.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.375, Code 2005, is amended by  
2 adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. Notwithstanding any provision to the  
4 contrary, an individual who is hearing-impaired and who  
5 otherwise meets the requirements of this section is exempt  
6 from the certificate of qualification requirement of  
7 subsection 1, paragraph "d", if the individual meets all of  
8 the following conditions:

9 a. The individual is authorized to transport students or  
10 clients by the superintendent of the Iowa braille and sight  
11 saving school or of the Iowa school for the deaf, or the  
12 superintendent's respective designee.

13 b. The individual is an employee of the Iowa braille and  
14 sight saving school or the Iowa school for the deaf.

15 c. The vehicle the individual operates for the  
16 transportation of children to or from school is designed to  
17 carry not more than fifteen persons as passengers.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill exempts a hearing-impaired individual from a  
20 provision that requires a school bus driver to possess a  
21 current certificate of qualification for operation of a  
22 commercial motor vehicle, if the individual is authorized to  
23 transport students or clients by the superintendent of the  
24 Iowa braille and sight saving school or of the Iowa school for  
25 the deaf, or the superintendent's respective designee, the  
26 individual is an employee of the Iowa braille and sight saving  
27 school or the Iowa school for the deaf, and the individual  
28 operates a vehicle that is designed to carry not more than 15  
29 persons as passengers.

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