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STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: State Department of Education

RULE NO. & TITLE: 290-2-4-.06, Local Mechanic Certification

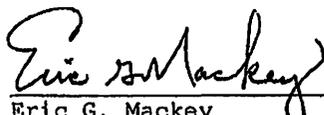
INTENDED ACTION: The Department of Education will adopt amended Rule 290-2-4-.06;

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Alabama State Board of Education will amend Rule 290-2-4-.06 to change the requirements for prospective applicants who wish to apply for mechanic certification.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m., on September 8, 2022, at the Auditorium, Plaza Level, Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. All persons wishing to express their views should contact the State Superintendent of Education (334-694-4900) no later than August 29, 2022 to be scheduled on the agenda. All persons wishing to express their views in writing to the State Superintendent of Education should address all written comments to the State Superintendent of Education, Gordon Persons Building, P.O. Box 302101, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: September 8, 2022

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290-2-4-.06 Local Mechanic Certification.

A written test and a safety test shall be administered by State Department of Education personnel to local mechanics who perform safety inspections on school buses.

(1) The requirements for certification as a school bus mechanic shall be as follows:

(a) Completion of a certified auto mechanic's apprenticeship; **OR**

(b) Written proof of a least five year's experience as an auto or truck mechanic; **OR**

(c) Written proof of three consecutive year's experience as a mechanic's helper in a school bus shop maintaining buses for pupil transportation.

(2) Any individual who meets one of the above qualifications or a combination of the qualifications approved by the director of State transportation and is hired as a school bus mechanic must within six months pass the school bus written test and safety test administered by State transportation personnel and each year thereafter must demonstrate to the State Inspector that he [or she] still maintains the skill, as well as the mental and physical capabilities, to perform all the tasks necessary to assure the safe maintenance of school buses.

(3) The testing is not purposed to test mechanic skills but to test the individual mechanic's knowledge and performance in braking system, exhaust system, steering mechanism, and signal system, etc. As a minimum requirement, each participating school system shall have one certified mechanic for each twenty-five school buses. A school bus shop foreman serving as a full-time bus shop employee in a school system ~~with a total fleet size of less than 150 buses~~ may be counted as a certified mechanic if the foreman also performs the duties and meets the requirements of a certified mechanic.

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Statutory Authority: Ala. Code§ 16-27-5 (1975).

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Amended _____, Effective _____.