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# SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 8.10: School Bus Driver Compensation and Employment Study

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 8.10 of S.L. 2017-57

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**OVERVIEW:** *Sec. 8.10 of S.L. 2017-57 directs the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to study the compensation of school bus drivers and the challenges of recruiting and retaining them. DPI must submit a report by April 1, 2018 to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division that contains the following information:*

- *A detailed explanation of how school bus drivers are compensated and employed in the public schools, including:*
  - *Average driving experience of school bus drivers.*
  - *Rates of retention of school bus drivers in local school administrative units (LEAs).*
  - *Average term of service for school bus drivers.*
  - *Average hours worked by school bus drivers per week.*
  - *Career paths for school bus drivers within a LEA.*
  - *Percentage of school bus drivers who work in the LEA in another capacity.*
- *The challenges of recruiting and retaining school bus drivers faced by LEAs.*
- *Recommendations, including input from local school administrators, on improving the process of recruiting and retaining school bus drivers.*

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** *This section became effective July 1, 2017.*

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