AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 21; Title 55, Chapter 50; Title 55, Chapter 52 and Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to the transportation of children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-2107, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

Each local education agency (LEA) that provides transportation services shall submit to the department of safety the names of persons authorized to drive a school bus. The department of safety shall maintain a database of all those persons authorized to drive a school bus and notify the appropriate LEA if the driver license or driving privileges of a listed person have been suspended or revoked. Upon receiving the notification, the LEA shall suspend or revoke the person’s authorization to drive a school bus and inform the person of the suspension or revocation. Any person authorized to drive a school bus shall notify the LEA if the person’s driver license or driving privileges have been suspended or revoked. If the person’s driver license or driving privileges have been reinstated and the person meets the other requirements set out by the LEA, the person may request new authorization to drive a school bus. As used in this subsection, “local education agency” has the same meaning as defined in § 49-1-103.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-323(a)(2), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Notwithstanding this section, any person applying for a school bus endorsement, as defined in § 55-50-102(22)(E), or renewal thereof, shall pay a total fee of twenty dollars ($20.00) for each school bus endorsement;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.
HOUSE BILL NO. 577

PASSED: April 18, 2016

BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2016

BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR