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Amendments to SB 230

Offered by the Nevada State Education Association

1. Section 5, 2, line 39—insert “annually” after “training course.”

Rationale: Bus drivers point out that laws change all the time, as do Department regulations and district policies. Bus drivers have no on-going staff development and are not updated about changes. Many times they learn about a change in policy when they are disciplined for violating it.

2. Section 5, 3, line 13—insert “must be provided by the district and” after “Such training”.

Rationale: The district should make the training available to the drivers at no cost. We know that firefighters and EMT's have volunteered to bring that training into the schools to help teachers become certified in CPR at no cost, and this should be provided to bus drivers as well. Bus drivers, at least in Clark County, have “unassigned, paid days” on which they could take the training for CPR.

3. Section 7, 2, b—delete.

Rationale: leaving it to the driver's discretion as to whether or not the safety of the pupil will be compromised can lead to errors in judgment that jeopardize the safety of the student. Where kids are concerned, we cannot leave their safety to a judgment call.