

6-19-106. Bus drivers -- Qualifications.

(a) No person physically defective or of unsound mind, known to be a habitual drunkard or of immoral habits, or who has been convicted within the past three (3) years of operating a motor vehicle in a reckless manner or while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic drugs, who has a general reputation of being a fast and reckless operator of motor vehicles without regard to the rights of others, or who is less than nineteen (19) years of age on June 30 following his or her last birthday shall be permitted or employed to act as chauffeur or operator of any school bus, either privately or publicly owned, operated by public school districts and used to transport pupils to and from the public schools in the State of Arkansas.

(b) All school bus drivers employed as provided herein are exempt from the regular chauffeur's license as heretofore required by law; this does not, however, apply to drivers of buses operated for other purpose or purposes than to transport school children.