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**TO:** Senate Transportation Committee Members  
**FROM:** Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr. *John C. Rafferty*  
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**SUBJECT:** Proposed Rulemaking on Medical Requirements for School Bus Drivers

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I wanted to inform you of a correspondence that I received from the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) dated August 5, 2015, regarding a proposed rulemaking by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) on medical requirements for school bus drivers.

Chapter 71 of PennDOT's regulations sets the licensing standards for school bus drivers, and PennDOT is basically amending Chapter 71 by:

- Separating two medical conditions (seizure and loss of consciousness) that are currently linked to the school bus driver medical regulations
- Updating the medical requirements and standards for school bus drivers to ensure they meet the field of vision standards established in accordance with the most current recommendations from PennDOT's Medical Advisory Board

The IRRC reviewed PennDOT's proposed regulation and they have no objections, comments or recommendations to offer. Additionally, we reached out to the Pennsylvania School Bus Association and their Legislative Committee reviewed PennDOT's proposed regulation with no negative comments.

Therefore, I am not planning for the Senate Transportation Committee to take any action on PennDOT's proposed regulation, which will deem PennDOT's proposed regulation approved.

If you have any questions, please contact Nolan Ritchie at (717) 787-1398 or [nritchie@pasen.gov](mailto:nritchie@pasen.gov).

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