

# ***TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NOTE***

**No. 2017-02**

*School Business Services*

*School Transportation Management*



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## **Revisions to Rule 6A-3.0141, Florida Administrative Code**

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**TO:** School District Transportation Directors  
Charter School Transportation Directors

**FROM:** Kevin Snowden  
Director of School Transportation

**DATE:** March 28, 2017

**SUBJECT: Revisions to Rule 6A-3.0141, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)**

The State Board of Education adopted revisions to rule 6A-3.0141, F.A.C. on February 18, 2016, and on November 29, 2016. You were advised about the February 18, 2016, revisions on April 15, 2016, in Technical Assistance Note No. 2016-03, which is attached. Please also note that the commissioner will no longer provide certificates for completion of the required 40 hours of school bus operator training. School district records that verify completion of the required school bus operator training is sufficient documentation.

As a result of the November 29, 2016, rule revisions, a medical examiner may not specify any waiver or exemption from the medical examination requirements unless the school bus operator has an existing medical condition; was employed by a school district on or before March 23, 2016; was deemed physically capable of operating the vehicle under a prior version of this rule; and has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the school district that he or she is physically capable of operating the vehicle. Nevertheless, medical examiners may accept a medical variance, exemption or waiver issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in accordance with the medical examination requirements in 49 C.F.R. 391.41 and the dexterity requirements described in Form ESE 480, Dexterity Test for School Bus Driver, recognizing a school bus operator as physically capable of operating the vehicle.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Robert Manspeaker at [Robert.Manspeaker@fldoe.org](mailto:Robert.Manspeaker@fldoe.org) or 850-245-9795.

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Attachment: Technical Assistance Note No. 2016-03

cc: District School Superintendents  
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