As a school bus driver I am totally against this proposal. With all the AD/HC students we transport, druggies, child-like lead footed, risky, daring and I can do anything better than you attitudes I know this will funnel down to allowing 18 year olds to drive a school bus. This will open the door for more sex offenders! The program that is being proposed WILL have loopholes. There will be NO 48 week training course. To sit 22 weeks in a training school is ridiculous & everyone knows it. To practice behind the wheel for 8 weeks is also ridiculous. The 18 weeks of team driving with an older, more experienced driver is not practical enough. How many actual hours total are you actually considering in this 48 week program? How many actual "bad driving conditions" weather would they be involved in? Textbooks & films aren't enough when "black ice" occurs. I transport our nation's "most precious commodity". Even after 9 years, I'm still learning. DON'T let this pass!!!!!