June 10, 2011 [e-mailed to mdwyer@stonejohnsonlaw.com]

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Dear Ms. Dwyer:

This letter is in response to your recent request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Your request was received on 6/6/11.

You have requested “any documents indicating the ISBE licensing requirements for school bus drivers effective from 1988 to 1997.”

School bus driver licensing requirements for the period 1995 to 1997 can be located in the Administrative Code at the following location:

Persons must possess a school bus driver’s permit to transport students as specified in the Illinois Vehicle Code - 625 ILCS 5/6-104(d)(2), Sec. 6-104 (Classification of Driver - Special Restrictions). Here is a link to the Illinois Vehicle Code:

From 1988 to 1995, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) did issue school bus driver permits. While no longer having that documentation, information can be located in the statutes. The Regional Superintendents of Schools at the Regional Offices of Education had the responsibility for training and certifying to ISBE that each person applying for a school bus driver’s permit was qualified to obtain a permit.

If you have questions, contact Mark Wancket at 217-782-4648.

Sincerely,

Matt Vanover
Director of Public Information