

**6-17-1116. School bus drivers.**

**(a)** For the purposes of this section, a full-time school bus driver is:

**(1)** A person who contracts with a public school district to operate a school bus for at least seven hundred twenty (720) hours during the school year;

**(2)** A person whose primary source of income during the school year is obtained by operating a school bus for a public school district; or

**(3)** A person who contracts with a public school district to operate a school bus and is designated by the superintendent as a full-time school bus driver, regardless of the number of hours for which the person contracted.

**(b)** All full-time school bus drivers who are not under current law eligible to participate in the public school employees insurance program provided for by §§ 6-17-1109 and 6-17-1111 -- 6-17-1115 shall hereafter be eligible to participate in the program provided that they pay all costs associated with participating in the program unless the employing school district opts to pay all or a portion of that cost.