Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

October 15, 2026

Agenda Item:	Iowa Department of Transportation Human Trafficking Prevention Training Cooperation
State Board Goal:	All
State Board Role/Authority:	The State Board promotes effective educational opportunities for all students in Iowa.
Presenter(s):	Kassandra Cline, Chief Bureau of School Business Operations Tom Simpson, Administrative Consultant Bureau of School Business Operations Ronee Slagle, CDL Program Manager Motor Vehicle Division, Policy and Partnership Bureau Iowa Department of Transportation
Attachment(s):	Two
Recommendation:	It is recommended that the State Board hear and discuss this information.
Background:	House File 2598 requires the Iowa Department of Transportation to approve, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Education and the State Board of Education, human trafficking prevention training materials regarding the recognition, prevention and reporting of human trafficking.

House File 2598 Implementation: Human Trafficking Prevention Training

House File 2598, signed May 15, 2026, requires each applicant for a commercial driver's license to complete a course of instruction regarding human trafficking prevention for persons applying for the initial issuance of certain commercial driver's licenses (CDL).

Interagency Collaboration: Role of the State Board of Education

The legislation requires the Department of Transportation to approve the human trafficking prevention training, in cooperation with the Department of Education and the State Board of Education, regarding the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.

The Departments shall make the approved human trafficking prevention training materials available to the public. The Departments shall review and update the departments' approved human trafficking prevention training materials to account for changes and trends in human trafficking at least once every three years.

Existing Department of Education Human Trafficking Prevention Training

The Department of Education develops and distributes training for Iowa's school bus drivers. The School Transportation Operator's Program (S.T.O.P.) includes training for new drivers and annual training for veteran school bus drivers. The new driver component of S.T.O.P. has included human trafficking training for all new school bus drivers since 2018. School bus drivers may hold a commercial driver's license or a chauffeur's license. All new school bus drivers receive this training, regardless of the type of license they hold.

Training Provider

The human trafficking prevention training received by school bus drivers was created by Truckers Against Trafficking and is specific to school bus drivers. Upon completion, each driver receives a certificate of completion.

2026 Legislative Implementation:
Human Trafficking Prevention Training for New CDL Applicants

HF2598 Human Trafficking Prevention Training for CDL Applicants (Effective January 2027): Iowa's CDL human trafficking prevention training law requires new applicants for Class A, B, and C commercial driver's licenses to complete at least 30 minutes of approved human trafficking prevention training prior to issuance. The training materials should cover recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking and should be updated every three years, at minimum, to account for changes in trends in human trafficking. The Iowa DOT will approve the training materials in coordination with the Iowa Department of Education and state board of education. The training materials will be available to the public.

Human Trafficking Prevention Training:

The Iowa DOT has partnered with Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) to develop a 30-minute human trafficking prevention training for new CDL applicants. This training is delivered as an online video and includes a self-proctoring acknowledgment, knowledge checks to ensure understanding and compliance, and confirmation of completion.

Implementation:

- The training, accessible through the MVD's E-Services online platform, will be implemented in January 2027.
- Completion of the training is required prior to issuance of a commercial license for all new CDL holders and Out-of-State transfers.
- Applicants must score at least 80% to pass, with unlimited retakes allowed.
- Results will be integrated with driving records for applicants.

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Link To Training Video

State Board of Education members and Department of Education staff listed below may access and view the Truckers Against Trafficking training video using this link. The video will be accessible through October 31, 2026.

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