



# Understanding SB-88

## Are You Ready?

### What is SB88?

Section 39877 of SB-88 creates requirements for a driver who provides transportation services for pupils in a vehicle with a maximum capacity of 10 or fewer persons, including the driver.

### Why is SB88 Important?

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) are entering multi-year, multi-million dollar contracts with app-based companies for pupil transportation. Prior to SB-88, there was no regulation for these services based for a contract entered with school districts. Drivers servicing these trips neither fall under the rules and regulations of the PUC, the State DOE, the DMV, nor CHP

### The Real "Why"

The health and safety of students and the public, would require the same safety standards, by law because everyone deserves to have the safest transportation available.

### What Do I Need to Know About SB-88?

SB-88 includes a number of new requirements. Some you may not be familiar with are:

- All drivers must be enrolled in a drug and alcohol consortium, which means randomized/pre-service testing vs. only testing after an incident has occurred
- Complete training and education in the following areas:
  - Pre trip vehicle inspections
  - Safe loading and unloading of passengers
  - Proper use of seat belts and child safety restraints
  - Handling accidents, incidents, and emergency situations
  - Providing proper accommodations for pupils with disabilities
  - Defensive driving/driving in inclement weather/driving at night or under impaired visibility conditions
- All drivers must have a fingerprint background check, a DOT physical, and proof of a negative TB test
- All drivers must participate in the DMV pull-notice system
- Vendor must maintain a daily log sheet of pre-trip inspections
- Teachers/coaches providing students with more than 40 hours of drive time per school year, could be impacted
- 19 point vehicle inspections are required every 12 months or 50k miles



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### What Should I Ask My Vendors About Their Compliance With SB-88?

- Will you be fully compliant by July 1, 2025? If not, what changes are you planning to make as a company to become compliant?
- Are your drivers enrolled in a drug and alcohol consortium currently? If not, why have you not been taking this crucial common sense safety measure before?
- How will your service or pricing be altered due to these changes happening?