§ 3650-b. Drivers and instructors; training and safety. 1. The commissioner shall establish training and safety technique requirements for school bus drivers and school bus safety training instructors and shall make rules and regulations implementing such requirements on a statewide basis.

2. The commissioner shall prepare and distribute school bus driver safety training manuals to each school district. Such manual shall be periodically updated and shall provide the framework for continuing school bus safety education programs for school districts.

3. Every school district shall certify to the commissioner that its school bus drivers have successfully completed the school bus driver safety training program established pursuant to the provisions of this article and shall make an annual report to the commissioner on the implementation and effectiveness of the program. Each school district shall have the option of having its employees certified as school bus driver safety training instructors or contracting with certified instructors to provide such training to the district.

4. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of motor vehicles, shall establish a certification program for school bus driver safety training instructors.