Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

1 Background Check; School Bus Drivers. Amend RSA 189:13-a, VI to read as follows:

VI. This section shall apply to any employee, selected applicant for employment, designated volunteer, or volunteer organization which contracts with a school administrative unit, school district, chartered public school, or public academy to provide services, including but not limited to cafeteria workers, [school bus drivers,] custodial personnel, or any other service where the contractor or employees of the contractor provide services directly to students of the district, chartered public school, or public academy. The employing school administrative unit, school district, or chartered public school shall be responsible for completing the criminal history records check on the people identified in this paragraph. The cost for criminal history records checks for employees or selected applicants for employment with such contractors shall be borne by the contractor. School bus drivers and transportation monitors shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.

2 New Paragraph; Commissioner of Education; School Bus Driver Background Checks. Amend RSA 21-N:4 by inserting after paragraph IX the following new paragraph:

X. Providing a clearing house for school bus driver and transportation monitor background checks to towns, cities, or other organizations paying for school bus transportation.

3 Department of Education; Rulemaking Certification Standards; School Bus Drivers and Transportation Monitors. Amend RSA 21-N:9, II(s) to read as follows:

(s) Certification standards for educational personnel, and educator certification fees for granting credentials to educational personnel, including teachers, paraprofessionals, superintendents, assistant superintendents, special education administrators, business administrators, principals, vocational directors, coordinators of comprehensive health education and services, directors of pupil personnel services, guidance directors, guidance counselors, school psychologists, associate school psychologists, speech-language specialists, social workers, health educators, physical education teachers, consumer and family science teachers, elementary teachers, specialists in assessment of intellectual functioning, school bus drivers and transportation monitors, media supervisors, media generalists, and master teachers as authorized by RSA 186:8 and RSA 186:11, X, professional credentials including beginning educator credentials, experienced educator credentials, and intern licenses, and other classifications of educators, administrators,
specialists, and paraprofessionals necessary to address educational needs as determined by the state board upon the recommendation of the professional standards board pursuant to RSA 186:60.

Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.
This bill:

I. Exempts school bus drivers and transportation monitors from certain background checks.

II. Requires the department of education to be a clearing house for certain background checks for school bus drivers.

III. Requires the department of education to make rules relative to the certification standards for school bus drivers and transportation monitors.