

P.L.2015, CHAPTER 29, *approved March 23, 2015*

Assembly, No. 3690

1 AN ACT concerning the use of service animals by certain students
2 on school buses and amending P.L.2011, c.156.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c.156 (C.18A:46-13.3) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 2. a. A student with a disability, including autism, shall be
10 permitted access for a service animal in school buildings, including
11 the classroom, on school buses, and on school grounds.

12 b. A school official may inquire as to whether the service
13 animal is required due to a disability and what task or work the
14 service animal has been trained to perform, unless the student's
15 disability and the work or task that the service animal will perform
16 are readily apparent. A school official may require: (1) certification
17 from a veterinarian that the service animal is properly vaccinated
18 and does not have a contagious disease that may harm students or
19 staff; and (2) documentation that any license required by the
20 municipality in which the student resides has been obtained for the
21 service animal.

22 c. The service animal shall be under a handler's control at all
23 times by use of a leash, tether, voice control, signal, or other
24 suitable means. The school shall not be responsible or liable for the
25 care or supervision of the service animal. The school shall provide
26 reasonable accommodations to allow the handler to provide for the
27 care and feeding of the service animal while on school grounds or at
28 a school function.

29 (cf: P.L.2011, c.156, s.2)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 Current law allows a student with a disability, including autism,
37 to have a service animal in school buildings and on school grounds.
38 This bill expands the law to permit a student with a disability to
39 bring a service animal on a school bus.

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44 Allows student with disability to bring service animal on school
45 bus.