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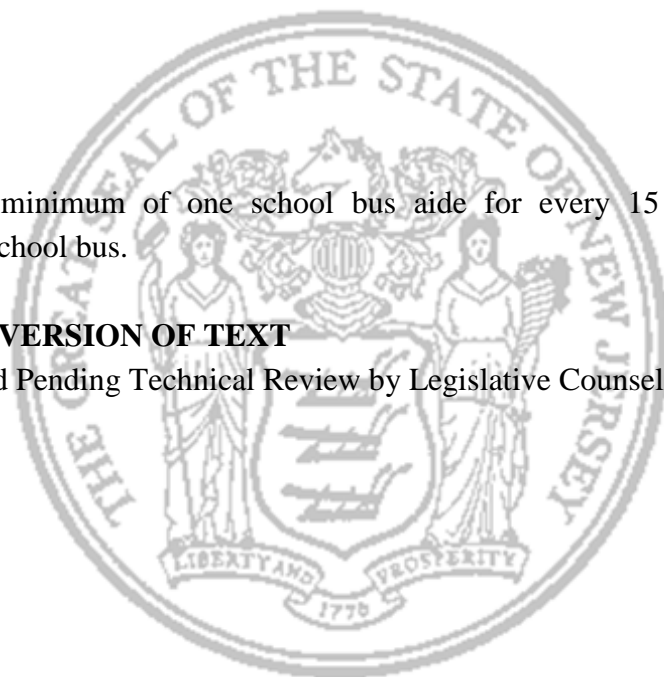
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires minimum of one school bus aide for every 15 special needs students on school bus.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning school bus aides and supplementing chapter 39  
2 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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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. a. A board of education or a contractor that provides pupil  
8 transportation services under contract with a board of education shall  
9 ensure that a school bus has on board at least one school bus aide for  
10 every 15 students with special needs. The aide-to-student ratio shall  
11 be maintained at all times when a school bus is transporting students  
12 with special needs or a combination of students with special needs and  
13 general education students.

14 b. As used in this section, “student with special needs” means a  
15 student who is classified as eligible for special education programs and  
16 services, but shall not include a student who is classified as eligible for  
17 special education programs and services solely on the basis of a  
18 “specific learning disability,” as the term is defined in the federal  
19 "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act," 20 U.S.C. s.1400 et seq.

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21 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
22 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill establishes a minimum ratio of school bus aides to  
28 special needs students on a school bus.

29 Under the bill, a board of education or a contracted service  
30 provider that provides pupil transportation services must ensure that  
31 a school bus has on board at least one school bus aide for every 15  
32 students with special needs. The bill requires this aide-to-student  
33 ratio to be maintained at all times when a school bus is transporting  
34 students with special needs or a combination of students with  
35 special needs and general education students.

36 For purposes of this bill, a “student with special needs” is a  
37 student who is classified as eligible for special education programs  
38 and services, but does not include a student who is classified as  
39 eligible for special education programs and services solely on the  
40 basis of a “specific learning disability,” as that term is defined in  
41 the federal “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.”

**EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**