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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires display of identifying information on rear of school bus so public may report bus driver misconduct.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning school buses and amending P.L.1965, c.119.

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

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6 1. Section 2 of P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-2) is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 a. There shall be displayed on every bus subject to the
9 provisions of section 1 of **[this act]** P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-1)
10 signs or legends which will, insofar as practicable, inform the driver
11 of any vehicle concerning the duty imposed upon him by law with
12 respect to passing **[such]** a bus, while it is loading or unloading.
13 **[Such]** The signs or legends shall be in **[such]** a color, form, and
14 design as will meet the requirements prescribed by the State Board
15 of Education, which requirements shall not be inconsistent with the
16 provisions of this Title or any rule or regulation made pursuant
17 thereto.

18 b. An agency, board of education, nonpublic school, or school
19 bus contractor operating a school bus subject to the provisions of
20 section 1 of P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-1) shall display across the
21 rear of the school bus a telephone number, website address, or other
22 identifying information that allows the public to report a bus
23 driver's misconduct while operating the school bus. The lettering
24 shall be of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.
25 (cf: P.L.1965, c.119, s.2)

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be
28 applicable to the school year beginning on July 1st next following
29 the date of enactment.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires an agency, board of education, nonpublic school,
35 or school bus contractor that operates school buses to display across
36 the rear of the school bus a phone number, website address, or other
37 identifying information that allows the public to report a bus
38 driver's misconduct while operating the school bus. A school bus
39 operator that displays the identifying information would be required
40 to use lettering of a color that contrasts with the color of the bus.

41 Current regulations of the Department of Transportation
42 (N.J.A.C.13:20-49C.18 (d)) provide that there can be no lettering on
43 the front or rear of a school bus other than the words "SCHOOL
44 BUS." This bill allows school bus operators to display identifying
45 information that would permit the public to report a bus driver's
46 misconduct. The bill is to take effect immediately and be applicable to
47 the next school year beginning on July 1st.

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.