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SYNOPSIS

“Transportation for Hazardous Walking Routes Act”; requires school districts to provide busing for students required to walk to school along hazardous routes and prohibits school bus stops within 250 feet of residence of sex offender.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning school busing, amending P.L.1999, c. 310, and
2 supplementing chapter 39 of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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

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8 1. (New section) A school district shall not locate a school bus
9 stop within 250 feet of the residence of a sex offender whose risk of
10 re-offense has been determined to be moderate or high pursuant to
11 subsection c. of section 3 of P.L.1994, c.128 (C.2C:7-8), unless the
12 relocation of the school bus stop creates a more dangerous
13 condition for a student. In making this determination, the school
14 district shall consult with the chief law enforcement officer of the
15 municipality.

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17 2. Section 2 of P.L.1999, c.310 (C.18A:39-1.5) is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 2. a. A school district that provides **【courtesy】** busing services
20 shall adopt a policy **【regarding】** requiring the transportation of
21 students who must walk to and from school along hazardous routes.
22 The policy shall include a list of hazardous routes in the district
23 requiring the **【courtesy】** busing of students and the criteria used in
24 designating the hazardous routes. In adopting its policy, the school
25 district **【may】** shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the
26 following criteria:

- 27 (1) Population density;
28 (2) Traffic volume;
29 (3) Average vehicle velocity;
30 (4) Existence or absence of sufficient sidewalk space;
31 (5) Roads and highways that are winding or have blind curves;
32 (6) Roads and highways with steep inclines and declines;
33 (7) Drop-offs that are in close proximity to a sidewalk;
34 (8) Bridges or overpasses that must be crossed to reach the
35 school;
36 (9) Train tracks or trestles that must be crossed to reach the
37 school; **【and】**
38 (10) Busy roads or highways that must be crossed to reach the
39 school; and

40 (11) Location of residences of sex offenders whose risk of re-
41 offense has been determined to be moderate or high pursuant to
42 subsection c. of section 3 of P.L.1994, c.128 (2C:7-8).

43 b. A school district shall work in conjunction with municipal
44 officials in determining the criteria necessary for the designation of
45 a hazardous route.

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.

3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be applicable to the 2019-2020 school year.

The bill prohibits a school district from locating a school bus stop within 250 feet of the residence of a moderate or high risk sex offender unless the relocation of the school bus stop creates a more dangerous condition for a student. In making this determination, the school district is required to consult with the chief law enforcement officer of the municipality.

This bill will require school districts that provide any busing services to adopt a policy requiring the transportation of students who must walk along hazardous routes. The policy must include a list of hazardous routes in the district that will require the busing of students. One of the criteria the district must use in adopting its policy is the location of the residences of sex offenders whose risk of re-offense has been determined to be moderate or high pursuant to law. Any additional costs which will be incurred by a district in implementing the provisions of the bill will be borne by the State.