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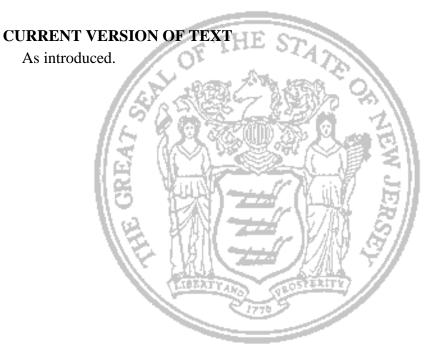
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SYNOPSIS

Requires safety education training twice per school year for school bus drivers and school bus aides.



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1	AN ACT concerning the training of school bus drivers and school
2	bus aides and supplementing chapter 39 of Title 18A of the New
3	Jersey 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. a. As used in this section, "employer" means a board of
9	education or a contractor that provides pupil transportation services
10	under contract with a board of education.
11	b. An employer shall ensure that all school bus drivers and
12	school bus aides are properly trained for the functions of their
13	positions.
14	c. An employer shall administer a safety education program for
15	all permanent and substitute school bus drivers and school bus aides
16	that it employs. At a minimum, the training shall include:
17	(1) student management and discipline;
18	(2) school bus accident and emergency procedures;
19	(3) conducting school bus emergency exit drills;
20	(4) loading and unloading procedures;
21	(5) school bus stop loading zone safety;
22	(6) inspecting the school vehicle for students left on board at the
23	end of a route; and
24	(7) the use of a student's education records, including the
25	employee's responsibility to ensure the privacy of the student and
26	the student's records, if applicable.
27	d. In addition to the training requirements in subsection c. of
28	this section, an employer shall administer to school bus drivers a
29	safety education program that includes defensive driving techniques
30	and railroad crossing procedures.
31	e. The employer shall administer the safety education program
32	set forth in subsections c. and d. of this section twice each school
33	year, once at the beginning of the school year and once during the
34	second semester.
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36	2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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39	STATEMENT
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41	This bill codifies the State Board of Education regulation,
42	N.J.A.C.6A:27-11.3, on the safety education program that is
43	required to be provided by the employing board of education or
44	school bus contractor to all permanent and substitute school bus

drivers and school bus aides. The bill specifies, however, that the

safety education program must be provided twice every school year,

once at the beginning of the school year and once during the second

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- 1 The safety education program must include, at a minimum:
- Student management and discipline;
- School bus accident and emergency procedures;
- Conducting school bus emergency exit drills;
- Loading and unloading procedures;
 - School bus stop loading zone safety;
- Inspecting the school vehicle for students left on board at the end of a route; and
- The use of a student's education records, including the employee's responsibility to ensure the privacy of the student and his records, if applicable.
- 12 In addition, in the case of a school bus driver, the program must
- 13 include defensive driving techniques and railroad crossing
- 14 procedures.

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