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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on October 18, 2018, with amendments.

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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 ¹**[each**
33 **school] per calendar**¹ year ¹**[**, once at the beginning of the school
34 year and once during the second semester¹**]**.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted October 18, 2018.