

# SENATE, No. 2754

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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs Commissioner of Education to study safety of school bus passengers in certain emergency situations, including school bus accidents.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/27/2018)**

1 AN ACT concerning the study of school bus passenger safety.

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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. a. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the  
7 Superintendent of the Division of State Police in the Department of  
8 Law and Public Safety, the Director of the Division of Highway  
9 Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, the  
10 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission,  
11 and the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and  
12 Preparedness, shall study the safety of school bus passengers  
13 involved in emergency situations, including, but not limited to,  
14 school bus accidents, such as head-on, rear-end, and side-impact  
15 collisions, and situations where the school bus may roll over. The  
16 study shall include an evaluation of the statutory and regulatory  
17 requirements relating to school bus safety and the current policies,  
18 plans, and procedures implemented by school districts.

19 b. Within 120 days of the effective date of this act, the  
20 commissioner shall prepare and submit a report to the Governor  
21 and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the  
22 Legislature summarizing the study's findings and making  
23 recommendations to improve the safety of school bus passengers.

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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30 This bill directs the Commissioner of Education, in consultation  
31 with the Superintendent of the Division of State Police, the Director  
32 of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety, the Chief Administrator  
33 of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, and the Director of  
34 the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, to study the  
35 safety of school bus passengers involved in emergency situations,  
36 including, but not limited to, school bus accidents, such as head-on,  
37 rear-end, and side-impact collisions, and situations where the school  
38 bus may roll over. The study is to include an evaluation of the  
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40 and the current policies, plans, and procedures implemented by  
41 school districts.