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SYNOPSIS

Requires boards of education and school bus contractors to designate individuals as certain school bus safety personnel.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on September 27, 2018.



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1 AN ACT requiring certain school bus safety personnel 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. a. A board of education or a contractor that provides pupil
 9 transportation services under contract with a board of education shall
 10 ¹~~employ~~ designate¹ ²~~the appropriate number of~~ at least one
 11 individual to serve as a² school bus safety ²~~managers, as established~~
 12 by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
 13 Commission pursuant to section ¹~~2~~ ³3¹ of this act ~~manager, or as a~~
 14 supervisor of driver improvement² . A school bus safety manager's
 15 responsibilities shall include: ensuring compliance with State and
 16 federal laws, rules, and regulations regarding school bus safety;
 17 providing periodic training in the proper use of emergency equipment;
 18 and the dissemination of industry best practices for avoiding accidents.

19 ²~~b.~~ A board of education or a contractor that provides pupil
 20 transportation services under contract with a board of education shall
 21 ¹~~employ~~ designate¹ the appropriate number of supervisors of driver
 22 improvement, as established by the Chief Administrator of the New
 23 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission pursuant to section ¹~~2~~ ³3¹ of this
 24 act.² A supervisor of driver improvement's responsibilities shall
 25 include: providing professional development, including individualized
 26 behind the wheel training, to school bus drivers; and periodically
 27 accompanying school bus drivers on their appointed school bus routes.

28 ²~~c.~~ b.² A current employee who meets the qualifications
 29 established by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
 30 Vehicle Commission pursuant to section 3 of this act may satisfy the
 31 requirements of this section.

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 33 2. The Commissioner of Education may perform random audits
 34 of a board of education or contractor to ensure compliance with the
 35 provisions of section 1 of this act at any time. A board of education
 36 or contractor shall require that each school bus safety manager and
 37 supervisor of driver improvement that it ¹~~employs~~ has
 38 designated¹ completes the documentation required pursuant to
 39 regulations promulgated by the Chief Administrator of the New
 40 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to demonstrate compliance. The
 41 board of education or contractor shall retain copies of the
 42 documentation in accordance with those regulations.

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted September 13, 2018.

²Senate floor amendments adopted September 27, 2018.

1 3. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
2 Commission shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the
3 “Administrative Procedures Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
4 seq.) ²₁² to effectuate the provisions of this act. The regulations shall
5 ²~~1~~² establish ²~~1~~the appropriate number of school bus safety
6 managers and supervisors of driver improvement that a board of
7 education or contractor must ¹~~employ~~ designate¹ based on the
8 number of full-time, part-time, substitute, and temporary school bus
9 drivers that the entity employs;² the qualifications necessary for an
10 individual to be ¹~~employed~~ designated¹ as a school bus safety
11 manager or supervisor of driver improvement ²~~1~~² and the
12 documentation that a board of education or contractor must retain to
13 demonstrate compliance with this act, including the amount of time
14 that the documentation must be retained.

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16 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be
17 applicable to the first full school year following the date of
18 enactment.