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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 amended by the Senate on September 27, 2018.



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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 school
12 bus aides are properly trained for the functions of their positions.

13 c. An employer shall administer a safety education program for
14 all permanent and substitute school bus drivers and school bus aides
15 that it employs. At a minimum, the training shall include:

16 (1) student management and discipline;

17 (2) school bus accident and emergency procedures;

18 (3) conducting school bus emergency exit drills;

19 (4) loading and unloading procedures;

20 (5) school bus stop loading zone safety;

21 (6) inspecting the school vehicle for students left on board at the
22 end of a route; and

23 (7) the use of a student's education records, including the
24 employee's responsibility to ensure the privacy of the student and the
25 student's records, if applicable.

26 d. In addition to the training requirements in subsection c. of this
27 section, an employer shall administer to school bus drivers a safety
28 education program that includes defensive driving techniques and
29 railroad crossing procedures.

30 e. The employer shall administer the safety education program set
31 forth in subsections c. and d. of this section twice ¹**【each school】** per
32 calendar¹ year ¹**【**, once at the beginning of the school year and once
33 during the second semester**】**¹.

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35 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:

¹Senate floor amendments adopted September 27, 2018.