

**SENATE, No. 3285**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator STEVEN V. OROHO**

**District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits board of education and school bus contractor to allow child of school bus driver to ride school bus with parent.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning children of school bus drivers 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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or regulation  
9 to the contrary, a board of education and a school bus contractor  
10 may permit the child of a school bus driver to ride the school bus  
11 with his parent while the parent is providing pupil transportation  
12 services. The child, at all times while the bus is in operation, shall  
13 wear a properly adjusted and fastened seat belt or other appropriate  
14 child restraint system in compliance with current laws and  
15 regulations regarding school bus passengers.

16 b. A board of education or a school bus contractor that permits  
17 the child of a school bus driver to ride the school bus under  
18 subsection a. of this section shall assume liability for any injury to  
19 the child while riding the school bus, except in instances in which a  
20 court of competent jurisdiction determines that liability is attributed  
21 to another party.

22 c. As used in this section, “school bus driver” includes a school  
23 bus driver who is employed by a board of education and a school  
24 bus driver who is employed by a school bus contractor that provides  
25 pupil transportation services under contract with a board of  
26 education.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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33 This bill would allow a board of education and a school bus  
34 contractor to permit the child of a school bus driver to ride the  
35 school bus with his parent while the parent is providing student  
36 transportation services. The child would be required to wear a  
37 properly adjusted and fastened seat belt or other appropriate child  
38 restraint system in compliance with current laws and regulations  
39 regarding school bus passengers. Under the bill, either a board of  
40 education or school bus contractor, depending on which entity  
41 granted permission for the bus driver’s child to ride the bus, would  
42 assume liability for any injury to the driver’s child while riding the  
43 school bus, except in instances in which a court determines that  
44 liability is attributed to another party.