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SYNOPSIS

Disqualifies person with certain number of motor vehicle points from operating school bus for certain period of time.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning school bus endorsements and supplementing
2 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
8 Vehicle Commission shall prohibit a person from obtaining a school
9 bus endorsement for one year, following the date of the last
10 conviction, if that person has accumulated four or more current
11 motor vehicle points as a result of a conviction of one or more
12 violations of the motor vehicle laws of this State or any other
13 jurisdiction for which motor vehicle points are assessed by the chief
14 administrator pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1982, c.43 (C.39:5-30.5).

15 b. The chief administrator shall suspend for one year, following
16 the date of the last conviction, the school bus endorsement of a
17 person if that person has accumulated four or more current motor
18 vehicle points as a result of a conviction of one or more violations
19 of the motor vehicle laws of this State or any other jurisdiction for
20 which motor vehicle points are assessed by the chief administrator
21 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1982, c.43 (C.39:5-30.5).

22 c. The chief administrator shall immediately notify the
23 Commissioner of Education of the suspension of a school bus
24 driver's school bus endorsement pursuant to subsection b. of this
25 section.

26 d. Upon notification from the chief administrator pursuant to
27 subsection c. of this section, the Commissioner of Education shall
28 immediately notify the board of education or contractor that
29 employs the school bus driver that the school bus endorsement for
30 that school bus driver has been suspended pursuant to subsection b.
31 of this section.

32 e. A person who has had a school bus endorsement suspended
33 pursuant to this section shall pass a school bus endorsement
34 knowledge test and school bus endorsement skills test prior to being
35 reissued a school bus endorsement following the person's period of
36 suspension.

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately but shall apply only to
39 convictions that occur after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill disqualifies a person from obtaining or maintaining a
45 school bus endorsement to drive a school bus in the State for one
46 year, following the date of the last conviction, if the person has
47 accumulated four or more current motor vehicle points as a result of
48 a conviction of one or more violations of the motor vehicle laws of

1 this State or any other jurisdiction for which motor vehicle points
2 are assessed by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
3 Vehicle Commission (chief administrator). Currently, under the
4 New Jersey Administrative Code, the chief administrator may not
5 issue a passenger endorsement or may suspend or revoke a
6 passenger endorsement, which is required to obtain a school bus
7 endorsement, if the person has 12 or more current motor vehicle
8 points under the point system.

9 The chief administrator is required to immediately notify the
10 Commissioner of Education that a school bus driver's school bus
11 endorsement has been suspended. The Commissioner of Education
12 is then required to immediately notify the employing board of
13 education or contractor of the suspension.

14 The bill requires a person who has had a school bus endorsement
15 suspended pursuant to the provisions of the bill to pass a school bus
16 endorsement knowledge test and school bus endorsement skills test
17 prior to being reissued a school bus endorsement following the
18 person's period of suspension.