

ASSEMBLY, No. 2391

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman KRAMER and Assemblywoman WRIGHT

1 AN ACT concerning the transportation of school pupils and  
2 supplementing chapter 39 of Title 18A of the New Jersey 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 Commissioner of Education shall identify and publish a  
8 list of local school boards of education, educational services  
9 commissions, and any other established agencies providing cooperative  
10 transportation services.

11 b. Any school district responsible for the transportation of pupils  
12 to and from a school, other than a local district school, pursuant to  
13 N.J.S.18A:39-1 shall utilize one of the agencies identified by the  
14 commissioner for the transportation of the pupils, except when the  
15 local district can provide transportation at a lower cost than those  
16 agencies.

17 c. Any school district which has in the prior year provided  
18 payments in lieu of transportation for any nonpublic school pupil  
19 pursuant to N.J.S.18A:39-1 shall attempt to provide transportation  
20 through an agency identified by the commissioner prior to determining  
21 to pay aid in lieu of transportation. If the costs to provide  
22 transportation by the agency identified by the commissioner are less  
23 than the in-lieu-of payments, the agency shall provide transportation.

24 d. The county superintendents shall assist local boards of education  
25 and the chief school administrators of nonpublic schools in  
26 coordinating the calendars and schedules of the public and nonpublic  
27 schools to facilitate the coordination of transportation of pupils to and  
28 from school in their respective county.

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to the  
31 1996-1997 school year.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to identify and  
37 publish a list of local boards of education, educational services

1 commissions, and any other established agencies providing cooperative  
2 transportation services. Any school district responsible for the  
3 transportation of pupils to and from a school, other than a local  
4 district school, would utilize one of the agencies identified by the  
5 commissioner for the transportation of the pupils, except when the  
6 local district can provide transportation at a lower cost than those  
7 agencies.

8 Under the bill, any school district which has in the prior year  
9 provided payments in lieu of transportation for any nonpublic school  
10 pupil would attempt to provide transportation through an agency  
11 identified by the commissioner prior to determining to pay aid in lieu  
12 of transportation. If the costs to provide transportation by the agency  
13 identified by the commissioner are less than the in-lieu-of payments,  
14 the agency would provide transportation.

15 The county superintendents are required to assist local boards of  
16 education and the chief school administrators of nonpublic schools in  
17 coordinating the calendars and schedules of the public and nonpublic  
18 schools to facilitate the coordination of pupil transportation in a  
19 county.

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24 Provides for development of regionalized school pupil transportation.