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Note To §1

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 53, *approved April 1, 1997*  
Senate, No. 780 (*Second Reprint*)

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, <sup>2</sup>county special services school districts,<sup>2</sup> and any other  
10 established agencies providing cooperative transportation services.

11 b. Any school district responsible for the transportation of pupils to  
12 and from a school, other than a local district school, pursuant to  
13 N.J.S.18A:39-1 <sup>2</sup>which transports pupils to a county vocational school  
14 and pupils classified pursuant to chapter 46 of Title 18A of the New  
15 Jersey Statutes<sup>2</sup> shall utilize one of the agencies identified by the  
16 commissioner for the transportation of the pupils <sup>2</sup>[, except when the  
17 local district can provide transportation at a lower cost than those  
18 agencies] Transportation by one of the agencies shall not be required  
19 when the local district can provide transportation at a lower cost than  
20 those agencies, or the transportation to be provided by one of the  
21 agencies does not fall within the policies of the resident school district  
22 regarding length of ride and assignment of students to a route based  
23 on student age or classification<sup>2</sup> .

24 c. Any school district which has in the prior year provided  
25 payments in lieu of transportation for any nonpublic school pupil  
26 pursuant to N.J.S.18A:39-1 <sup>2</sup>or which cannot provide transportation  
27 in the ensuing school year<sup>2</sup> shall attempt to provide transportation  
28 through an agency identified by the commissioner prior to determining  
29 to pay aid in lieu of transportation. <sup>2</sup>The school district shall provide  
30 to the agency any unique limitations or restrictions of the required  
31 transportation.<sup>2</sup> If the costs to provide transportation by the agency

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Senate SED committee amendments adopted March 7, 1996.

<sup>2</sup> Assembly AED committee amendments adopted March 3, 1997.

1 identified by the commissioner are less than the in-lieu-of payments,  
2 the agency shall provide transportation. <sup>2</sup>The school district shall  
3 make the determination on the manner in which transportation services  
4 shall be provided and shall notify the nonpublic school and the parent  
5 or guardian of the nonpublic school pupil by August 1 prior to the  
6 beginning of the school year.<sup>2</sup>

7 d. The county superintendents shall assist local boards of education  
8 <sup>1</sup>and the chief school administrators of nonpublic schools in  
9 coordinating the calendars and schedules of the public <sup>1</sup>and nonpublic<sup>1</sup>  
10 schools to facilitate the coordination of transportation of pupils to and  
11 from school in their respective county.

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13 <sup>2</sup>2. The commissioner shall report to the Governor and the  
14 Legislature within three years following the effective date of this act  
15 on its effectiveness in promoting regionalized transportation services  
16 and the advisability of expanding the provisions of the act to  
17 transportation services provided to other pupils.<sup>2</sup>

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19 <sup>2</sup>[2.] 3.<sup>2</sup> This act shall take effect immediately <sup>1</sup>[ and shall first  
20 apply to the 1996-1997 school year]<sup>1</sup>.

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Provides for development of regionalized school pupil transportation.