

## **SENATE, No. 1552**

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 3, 1996

**By Senators LaROSSA, INVERSO, Kyrillos and Ewing**

1   **AN ACT** concerning the busing of school pupils for safety reasons 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:

7       1. A board of education which transports pupils to and from school  
8 pursuant to N.J.S.18A:39-1 may transport elementary school pupils  
9 who live less than two miles from school and secondary school pupils  
10 who live less than two and one-half miles from school if the board and  
11 the governing body of each municipality in which the school district  
12 is located jointly agree, and the Department of Education or the  
13 Department of Transportation concurs, that the transportation is  
14 necessary because of hazardous conditions which imperil the safety of  
15 the pupils. The transportation of pupils because of hazardous  
16 conditions shall be deemed to be required for a thorough and efficient  
17 system of education, and the cost of the transportation shall be exempt  
18 from the calculation of the budget cap of the school district.

19 As used in this act, "hazardous conditions" shall include, but not be  
20 limited to, the absence of sidewalks on at least one side of the roadway  
21 and the necessity for pupils to cross a roadway with heavy traffic  
22 unprotected by a stop sign, traffic signal or crossing guard.

24       2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to the  
25      1997-98 school year.

## STATEMENT

This bill provides that a board of education which currently transports pupils to and from school may also transport elementary school pupils who live less than two miles from school and secondary school pupils who live less than two and one-half miles from school if the board and the governing body of each municipality in which the school district is located jointly agree, and the Department of Education or the Department of Transportation concurs, that the transportation is necessary because of hazardous conditions which

1 imperil the safety of the pupils. The transportation of pupils because  
2 of hazardous conditions would be deemed to be required for a  
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4 transportation would be exempt from the calculation of the budget cap  
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14 Provides that certain busing of pupils is necessary for a thorough and  
15 efficient system of education and the cost is exempt from budget cap.