

SENATE, No. 1947

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators LITTELL, INVERSO, Kyrillos, Ewing and Cafiero

1 AN ACT establishing a commission to study school transportation and  
2 making an appropriation.

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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. There is established the School Transportation Study  
8 Commission which shall be composed of 20 members as follows: the  
9 chairpersons of the Senate Education Committee, the Assembly  
10 Education Committee, the Senate Budget and Appropriations  
11 Committee and the Assembly Appropriations Committee, as ex officio  
12 members; two members of the Senate appointed by the President upon  
13 the recommendation of the minority leader of that House; two  
14 members of the General Assembly appointed by the Speaker upon the  
15 recommendation of the minority leader of that House. Six members  
16 of the public shall be appointed by the President of the Senate  
17 including one parent whose child receives either regular, courtesy or  
18 nonpublic school busing and one representative from each of the  
19 following organizations: the New Jersey Association of School  
20 Administrators, the New Jersey Education Association, the New  
21 Jersey School Bus Owners Association, the Advisory Committee for  
22 Nonpublic Schools of the New Jersey Department of Education and  
23 the Joint Council of County Special Services School Districts. Six  
24 members of the public shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
25 General Assembly including one parent whose child receives either  
26 regular, courtesy or nonpublic school busing and one representative  
27 from each of the following organizations: the School Transportation  
28 Supervisors of New Jersey, the New Jersey School Boards  
29 Association, the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials,  
30 the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association and the New  
31 Jersey Council of County Vocational Schools. The public members  
32 representing the various organizations shall be appointed by the  
33 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General Assembly upon  
34 the recommendation of the appropriate organization. Any vacancy in  
35 the membership of the commission shall be filled by appointment in the  
36 same manner as the original appointment was made.



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6 Nonpublic Schools of the New Jersey Department of Education, the  
7 New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Transportation  
8 Supervisors of New Jersey, the New Jersey Association of School  
9 Business Officials, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors  
10 Association, the Joint Council of County Special Services School  
11 Districts and the New Jersey Council of County Vocational Schools.  
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13 appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
14 General Assembly upon the recommendation of the appropriate  
15 organization.

16 The commission is directed to study the school transportation  
17 system of this State and investigate the advisability of alternative  
18 systems for providing school transportation, including a county or  
19 regionally-based transportation system. The commission will also  
20 examine courtesy busing, safety busing, special education busing and  
21 nonpublic school busing to determine the ways in which these aspects  
22 of school transportation may be provided in a more equitable and cost-  
23 effective manner.

24 Pursuant to this bill the commission will have all the powers granted  
25 pursuant to chapter 13 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, including  
26 subpoena power. The commission will issue a final report of its  
27 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature no  
28 later than six months after its organizational meeting and the  
29 commission will expire 30 days after the submission of that report.  
30 The bill appropriates \$10,000 to the commission from the General  
31 Fund to effectuate the purposes of the bill.

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36 Establishes School Transportation Study Commission and appropriates  
37 \$10,000.