

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3734

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 1, 2023

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3734.

As reported, the bill extends the statutorily permitted service life of certain school buses to 20 years. This bill applies to: (1) Type S school buses; (2) school buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2007 that have a gross vehicle weight that does not exceed 25,000 pounds; and (3) school buses manufactured prior to January 1, 2007 that have been installed with closed crankcase technology and have a gross vehicle weight that does not exceed 25,000 pounds.

The bill explicitly provides that its provisions are not to be construed to allow the use of any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if the school bus is determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil transportation.

As reported, Senate Bill No. 3734 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 5329, which was also reported by the committee on this date.