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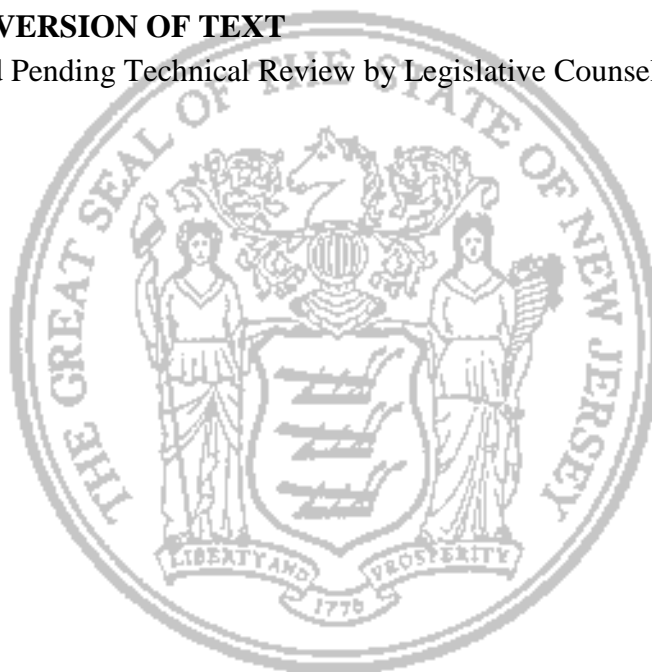
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SYNOPSIS

Abigail's Law; requires that newly-manufactured school buses be equipped with sensors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



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1 AN ACT concerning school bus safety and supplementing chapter
2 3B of Title 39 of the Revised 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. This act shall be known and may be cited as “Abigail’s
8 Law.”

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10 2. Each school bus as defined in R.S.39:1-1 shall be equipped
11 with a sensor to determine the presence of objects in the front or
12 back of the bus. The design and installation of the sensor shall
13 conform to regulations to be promulgated by the State Board of
14 Education, in consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New
15 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission in the Department of
16 Transportation, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
17 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.).

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19 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable
20 to school buses manufactured on or after the 180th day following
21 enactment.

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill, designated "Abigail's Law," requires that all school
27 buses manufactured on or after 180 days following the bill's
28 enactment be equipped with sensors to alert a bus driver when a
29 child walks in front or back of the bus. The bill provides that the
30 design and installation of the sensor must conform to regulations to
31 be promulgated by the State Board of Education, in consultation
32 with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
33 Commission. This measure will help to ensure the safe transport of
34 the State’s students, particularly its younger students.