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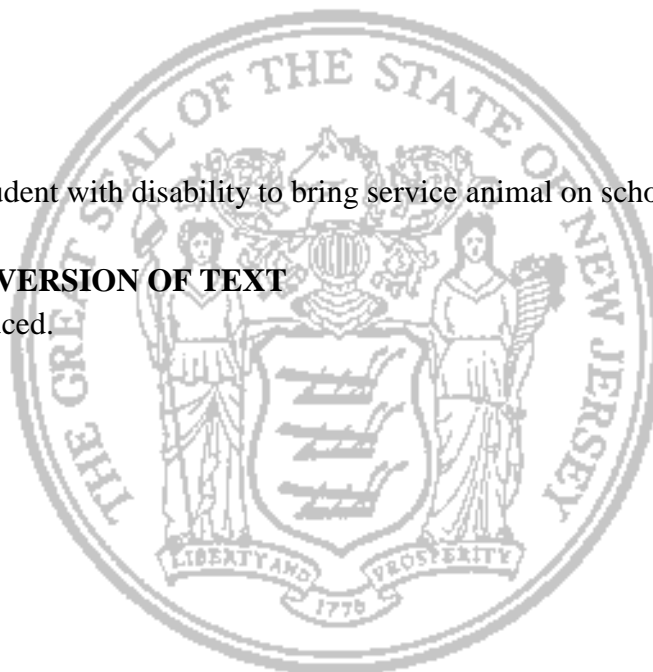
**Assemblymen Garcia, Wimberly, Wilson, Gusciora and Senator Madden**

**SYNOPSIS**

Allows student with disability to bring service animal on school bus.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/6/2015)

1 AN ACT concerning the use of service animals by certain students  
2 on school buses and amending P.L.2011, c.156.

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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. Section 2 of P.L.2011, c.156 (C.18A:46-13.3) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 2. a. A student with a disability, including autism, shall be  
10 permitted access for a service animal in school buildings, including  
11 the classroom, on school buses, and on school grounds.

12 b. A school official may inquire as to whether the service  
13 animal is required due to a disability and what task or work the  
14 service animal has been trained to perform, unless the student's  
15 disability and the work or task that the service animal will perform  
16 are readily apparent. A school official may require: (1) certification  
17 from a veterinarian that the service animal is properly vaccinated  
18 and does not have a contagious disease that may harm students or  
19 staff; and (2) documentation that any license required by the  
20 municipality in which the student resides has been obtained for the  
21 service animal.

22 c. The service animal shall be under a handler's control at all  
23 times by use of a leash, tether, voice control, signal, or other  
24 suitable means. The school shall not be responsible or liable for the  
25 care or supervision of the service animal. The school shall provide  
26 reasonable accommodations to allow the handler to provide for the  
27 care and feeding of the service animal while on school grounds or at  
28 a school function.

29 (cf: P.L.2011, c.156, s.2)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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36 Current law allows a student with a disability, including autism,  
37 to have a service animal in school buildings and on school grounds.  
38 This bill expands the law to permit a student with a disability to  
39 bring a service animal on a school bus.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.