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**SENATE, No. 2757**

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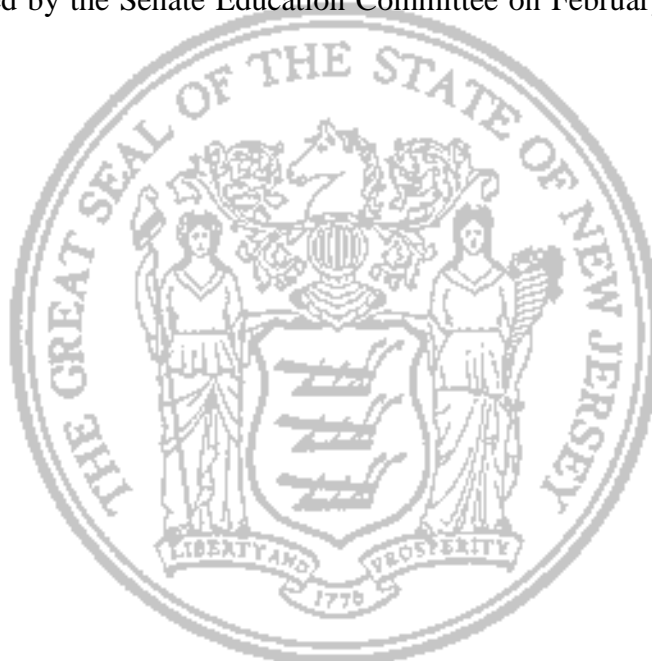
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires minimum of one school bus aide for every 15 special needs students on school bus.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on February 6, 2017, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning school bus aides and supplementing chapter 39  
2 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:

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7 1. a. A board of education or a contractor that provides pupil  
8 transportation services under contract with a board of education  
9 shall ensure that a school bus has on board at least one school bus  
10 aide for every 15 students with special needs. The aide-to-student  
11 ratio shall be maintained at all times when a school bus is  
12 transporting students with special needs or a combination of  
13 students with special needs and general education students.

14 b. As used in this section, "student with special needs" means a  
15 student who is classified as eligible for special education programs  
16 and services <sup>1</sup>, but shall not include a student who is classified as  
17 eligible for special education programs and services solely on the  
18 basis of a "specific learning disability," as the term is defined in the  
19 federal "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act," 20 U.S.C.  
20 s.1400 et seq.<sup>1</sup>

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to  
23 the first full school year following the date of enactment.

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SED committee amendments adopted February 6, 2017.