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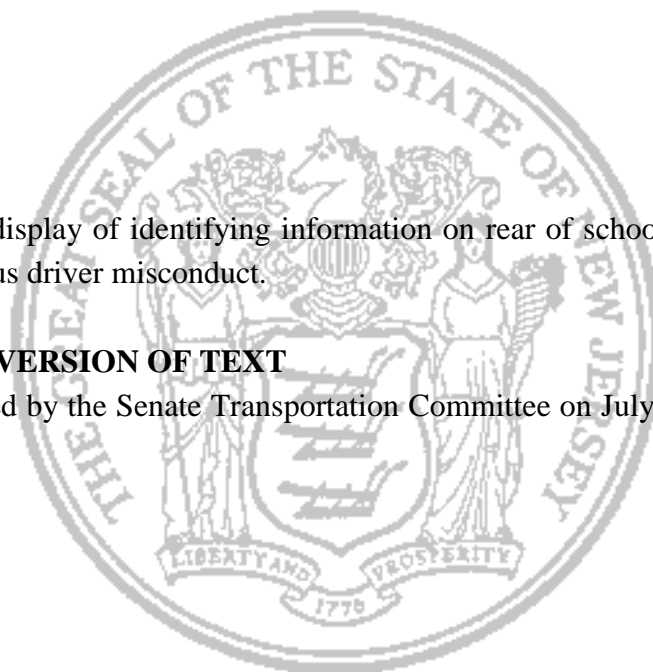
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SYNOPSIS

Requires display of identifying information on rear of school bus so public may report bus driver misconduct.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Transportation Committee on July 26, 2018, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning school buses and amending ¹and
2 supplementing¹ P.L.1965, c.119.

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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.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-2) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 1. a. There shall be displayed on every bus subject to the
10 provisions of section 1 of **【this act】** P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-1)
11 signs or legends which will, insofar as practicable, inform the driver
12 of any vehicle concerning the duty imposed upon him by law with
13 respect to passing **【such】** a bus, while it is loading or unloading.
14 **【Such】** The signs or legends shall be in **【such】** a color, form, and
15 design as will meet the requirements prescribed by the State Board
16 of Education, which requirements shall not be inconsistent with the
17 provisions of this Title or any rule or regulation made pursuant
18 thereto.

19 b. An agency, board of education, nonpublic school, or school
20 bus contractor operating a school bus subject to the provisions of
21 section 1 of P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-1) shall display across the
22 rear of the school bus a telephone number, website address, or other
23 identifying information ¹**【that allows】** which shall allow¹ the public
24 to report a bus driver's misconduct while operating the school bus
25 ¹to the board of education or nonpublic school for which the school
26 bus provides transportation¹. The lettering shall be of a color that
27 contrasts with the color of the school bus.

28 (cf: P.L.1965, c.119, s.2)

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30 ¹2. (New section) The Commissioner of Education, in
31 consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
32 Vehicle Commission and the Superintendent of the Division of State
33 Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall promulgate
34 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedures Act,"
35 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the provisions of
36 P.L. c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
37 The regulations shall establish:

38 (1) the appropriate board of education or nonpublic school official
39 or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver
40 misconduct;

41 (2) the appropriate actions which a board of education or nonpublic
42 school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver
43 misconduct; and

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:

¹Senate STR committee amendments adopted July 26, 2018.

1 (3) the time period during which a board of education or
2 nonpublic school may act to respond to a complaint of school bus
3 driver misconduct.¹

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5 ¹**[2.] 3.**¹ This act shall take effect immediately and shall first
6 be applicable to the school year beginning on July 1st next
7 following the date of enactment.