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SYNOPSIS

Requires safety education training twice per school year for school bus drivers and school bus aides.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the training of school bus drivers and school
2 bus aides and supplementing chapter 39 of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. a. As used in this section, “employer” means a board of
9 education or a contractor that provides pupil transportation services
10 under contract with a board of education.

11 b. An employer shall ensure that all school bus drivers and
12 school bus aides are properly trained for the functions of their
13 positions.

14 c. An employer shall administer a safety education program for
15 all permanent and substitute school bus drivers and school bus aides
16 that it employs. At a minimum, the training shall include:

- 17 (1) student management and discipline;
18 (2) school bus accident and emergency procedures;
19 (3) conducting school bus emergency exit drills;
20 (4) loading and unloading procedures;
21 (5) school bus stop loading zone safety;
22 (6) inspecting the school vehicle for students left on board at the
23 end of a route; and
24 (7) the use of a student's education records, including the
25 employee's responsibility to ensure the privacy of the student and
26 the student's records, if applicable.

27 d. In addition to the training requirements in subsection c. of
28 this section, an employer shall administer to school bus drivers a
29 safety education program that includes defensive driving techniques
30 and railroad crossing procedures.

31 e. The employer shall administer the safety education program
32 set forth in subsections c. and d. of this section twice each school
33 year, once at the beginning of the school year and once during the
34 second semester.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill codifies the State Board of Education regulation,
42 N.J.A.C.6A:27-11.3, on the safety education program that is
43 required to be provided by the employing board of education or
44 school bus contractor to all permanent and substitute school bus
45 drivers and school bus aides. The bill specifies, however, that the
46 safety education program must be provided twice every school year,
47 once at the beginning of the school year and once during the second
48 semester.

- 1 The safety education program must include, at a minimum:
- 2 • Student management and discipline;
- 3 • School bus accident and emergency procedures;
- 4 • Conducting school bus emergency exit drills;
- 5 • Loading and unloading procedures;
- 6 • School bus stop loading zone safety;
- 7 • Inspecting the school vehicle for students left on board at the
- 8 end of a route; and
- 9 • The use of a student's education records, including the
- 10 employee's responsibility to ensure the privacy of the student
- 11 and his records, if applicable.
- 12 In addition, in the case of a school bus driver, the program must
- 13 include defensive driving techniques and railroad crossing
- 14 procedures.