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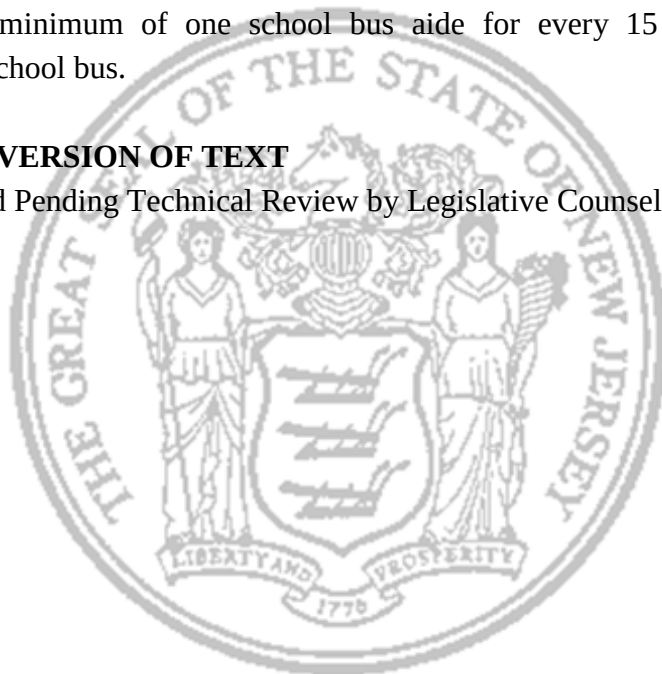
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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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 shall
9 ensure that a school bus has on board at least one school bus aide for
10 every 15 students with special needs. The aide-to-student ratio shall
11 be maintained at all times when a school bus is transporting students
12 with special needs or a combination of students with special needs and
13 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 and
16 services, but shall not include a student who is classified as eligible for
17 special education programs and services solely on the basis of a
18 “specific learning disability,” as the term is defined in the federal
19 "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act," 20 U.S.C. s.1400 et seq.

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

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires a board of education or a contracted service
28 provider that provides pupil transportation services to ensure that a
29 school bus has on board at least one school bus aide for every 15
30 students with special needs. The bill requires this aide-to-student
31 ratio to be maintained at all times when a school bus is transporting
32 students with special needs or a combination of students with
33 special needs and general education students.

34 For purposes of this bill, a “student with special needs” is a
35 student who is classified as eligible for special education programs
36 and services, but does not include a student who is classified as
37 eligible for special education programs and services solely on the
38 basis of a “specific learning disability,” as that term is defined in
39 the federal “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.”