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SYNOPSIS

Requires school bus contractor to provide information to board of education on results of criminal background checks of all school bus drivers assigned routes in district pursuant to contract.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning school bus drivers and amending N.J.S.18A:39-
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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. N.J.S.18A:39-18 is amended to read as follows:

8 18A:39-18. a. In each school year, prior to the beginning of
9 transportation of school pupils under a contract awarded by a board
10 of education, the contractor shall furnish to the executive county
11 superintendent of schools the name, social security number, and
12 certification of a valid school bus driver's license and criminal
13 background check, and evidence of a check for the driver's record
14 of alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations pursuant to
15 section 6 of P.L.1989, c.104 (C.18A:39-19.1) of each driver or
16 substitute driver to be assigned to any vehicle in the performance of
17 his contract.

18 b. In each school year, prior to the beginning of transportation
19 of school pupils under a contract awarded by a board of education,
20 the contractor shall furnish to the board of education a criminal
21 background check certification letter from the State for each school
22 bus driver or substitute driver assigned to any vehicle in the
23 performance of a contract with the board. If a new driver or
24 substitute driver is assigned a route during the school year, the
25 contractor shall furnish a criminal background check certification
26 letter to the board for that individual.

27 (cf: P.L.2003, c.66, s.3)

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29 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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34 Currently, prior to the beginning of transportation of school
35 pupils under a contract awarded by a board of education, a school
36 bus contractor is required to furnish to the executive county
37 superintendent of schools the name, social security number, and
38 certification of a valid school bus driver's license and criminal
39 background check, and evidence of a check for the driver's record
40 of alcohol and drug-related motor vehicle violations of each driver
41 or substitute driver to be assigned to any vehicle in the performance
42 of his contract.

43 This bill would require that in addition, the school bus contractor
44 every year would be required to furnish to the appropriate board of
45 education a criminal background check certification letter from the
46 State for each school bus driver or substitute driver assigned to any
47 vehicle in the performance of a contract with that board.

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.