

ASSEMBLY, No. 2309

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2020

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE

District 37 (Bergen)

Assemblyman RALPH R. CAPUTO

District 28 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Timberlake and Assemblyman Chiaravalloti

SYNOPSIS

Requires school buses to be equipped with interior and exterior cameras.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/17/2021)

1 **AN ACT** requiring school buses to be equipped with certain safety
2 equipment and supplementing Title of 39 of the Revised Statutes.

3
4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

6
7 1. a. Every school bus, as defined in R.S.39:1-1, purchased on
8 or after the effective of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill), that transports one or more students shall be
10 equipped with:

11 (1) a video camera on the interior of the school bus to monitor
12 student safety; and

13 (2) a video camera on the exterior of the school bus to monitor
14 student safety.

15 b. Any video footage collected from a video camera installed
16 pursuant to this section shall not be considered a government record
17 pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404
18 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning access to
19 government records.

20

21 2. The State Board of Education, in consultation with the New
22 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, shall promulgate, pursuant to the
23 “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
24 seq.), rules and regulations concerning: the installation and use of
25 video cameras as required pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c.
26 (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) on school
27 buses; the use of video footage collected from the cameras; and the
28 retention of video footage from the video cameras, including, but not
29 limited to, a minimum and maximum amount of time that video
30 footage may be retained.

31

32 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the thirteenth
33 month after enactment, but the Commissioner of Education and the
34 Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission
35 may take such administrative action in advance as shall be necessary
36 for the implementation of this act.

37

38

39

STATEMENT

40

41 This bill requires all school buses, purchased on or after the
42 effective date of this bill, to be equipped with: a video camera on the
43 interior of the school bus to monitor student safety; and a video
44 camera on the exterior of the school bus to monitor student safety.

45 The bill provides that video footage from a school bus video
46 camera is not to be considered government records. The State Board

1 of Education, in consultation with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
2 Commission, is to promulgate rules concerning the installation and
3 use of the video cameras; the use of the video footage; and the
4 retention of the video footage, including, but not limited to, the
5 minimum and maximum amount of time that the footage may be
6 retained.