

# SENATE, No. 118

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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator NIA H. GILL**

**District 34 (Essex and Passaic)**

**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

**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.**

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- 1 education a criminal background check certification letter from the
- 2 State for each school bus driver or substitute driver assigned to any
- 3 vehicle in the performance of a contract with that board.