

**SENATE, No. 1543**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires video camera on certain school buses with crossing control arms.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning school buses and supplementing  
2 P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-1 et seq.).

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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. Every new or used school bus, purchased or otherwise  
8 acquired on or after the first day of the 37th month following the  
9 date of enactment of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
10 Legislature as this bill), shall be equipped with a video camera to  
11 assist in the enforcement of section 1 of P.L.1942, c.192 (C.39:4-  
12 128.1). The video cameras shall be of a design and type approved  
13 by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle  
14 Commission, and shall be installed on or adjacent to the vehicle's  
15 crossing control arm, equipped pursuant to P.L.1996, c.96  
16 (C.39:3B-1.1 et seq.).

17 Following the date of enactment of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending  
18 before the Legislature as this bill), any school bus equipped with a  
19 video camera shall be used to transport elementary school students  
20 whenever practicable.

21 b. Thirty-seven months after the date of enactment of  
22 P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),  
23 each agency, board of education, nonpublic school, and school bus  
24 contractor shall submit to the Commissioner of Education a list of  
25 vehicles, as defined in section 1 of P.L.1996, c.96 (C.39:3B-1.1),  
26 used to transport students and indicate whether each vehicle is  
27 equipped with a video camera on or adjacent to the crossing control  
28 arm.

29 c. For the purposes of this section, "school bus" means any  
30 vehicle equipped with a crossing control arm, pursuant to  
31 P.L.1996, c.96 (C.39:3B-1.1 et seq.).

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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38 This bill requires video cameras to be installed on certain school  
39 buses.

40 The bill provides that beginning in the 37th month following  
41 enactment, every new or used school bus purchased or otherwise  
42 acquired is required to be equipped with a video camera on or  
43 adjacent to the crossing control arm ("stop" sign arm). The bill  
44 provides that immediately following enactment, any school bus  
45 equipped with a video camera shall be used to transport elementary  
46 school students whenever practicable.

1       The purpose of the video cameras is to assist in the enforcement  
2 of section 1 of P.L.1942, c.192 (C.39:4-128.1), which prohibits  
3 vehicles from passing a school bus while passengers are picked up  
4 or discharged. The bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New  
5 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to approve the design and type  
6 of video camera to be used.

7       The bill also provides that within 37 months of enactment, each  
8 agency, board of education, nonpublic school, and school bus  
9 contractor is required to submit to the Commissioner of Education a  
10 list of vehicles that are used to transport students and indicate  
11 whether each vehicle is equipped with a video camera on or  
12 adjacent to the crossing control arm.