

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3990

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman STERLEY S. STANLEY**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Extends service life of school buses by one year.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT extending the service life of school buses and amending  
2 P.L.1983, c.206.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 1. School buses manufactured prior to April 1, 1977, other than  
10 those of the transit type whose gross vehicle weight (G.V.W.)  
11 exceeds 25,000 pounds, shall not be used for pupil transportation  
12 purposes beyond the end of the tenth year from the date of  
13 manufacture, as noted on the vehicle registration, or at the end of  
14 the school year in which that date falls, whichever is later. School  
15 buses manufactured on or after April 1, 1977 and before January 1,  
16 2007, other than those of the transit type whose gross vehicle  
17 weight (G.V.W.) exceeds 25,000 pounds, shall not be used for pupil  
18 transportation purposes beyond the end of the twelfth year from the  
19 date of manufacture, as noted on the vehicle registration, or at the  
20 end of the school year in which that date falls, whichever is later.  
21 School buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2007, and school  
22 buses manufactured prior to January 1, 2007 that have been  
23 installed with closed crankcase technology pursuant to the  
24 provisions of section 6 of P.L.2005, c.219 (C.26:2C-8.31) and any  
25 regulations promulgated thereunder, other than those of the transit  
26 type whose gross vehicle weight (G.V.W.) exceeds 25,000 pounds,  
27 shall not be used for pupil transportation purposes beyond the end  
28 of the **【fifteenth】** sixteenth year from the date of manufacture, as  
29 noted on the vehicle registration, or at the end of the school year in  
30 which that date falls, whichever is later.

31 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a  
32 "Type S" school bus as defined by N.J.A.C.13:20-51.2 shall not be  
33 used for pupil transportation purposes beyond the end of the  
34 **【twelfth】** thirteenth year from the date of manufacture, as noted on  
35 the vehicle registration, or at the end of the school year in which  
36 that date falls, whichever is later.

37 Nothing provided herein shall be construed to allow the use of  
38 any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if that school bus is  
39 determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil transportation.

40 (cf: P.L.2011, c.130, s.1)

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42 2. Section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.2) is amended to  
43 read as follows:

44 School buses of the transit type whose gross vehicle weight  
45 (G.V.W.) exceeds 25,000 pounds shall not be used for pupil

**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.

1 transportation purposes beyond the end of the **【twentieth】** twenty-  
2 first year from the date of manufacture, as noted on the vehicle  
3 registration, or at the end of the school year in which that date falls,  
4 whichever is later.

5 Nothing provided herein shall be construed to allow the use of  
6 any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if that school bus is  
7 determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil transportation.

8 (cf: P.L.1983, c.206, s.2)

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10 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 This bill extends the statutorily permitted service life of school  
16 buses by one year. This bill is intended to provide relief to school  
17 districts that are experiencing a shortage of school bus inventory as  
18 a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and other outside factors. The  
19 bill explicitly provides that its provisions are not to be construed to  
20 allow the use of any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if  
21 the school bus is determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil  
22 transportation.