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**SYNOPSIS**

Provides temporary one-year extension of service life of school buses for 2022-2023 school year; authorizes chief administrator to allow one-year extension in subsequent two school years.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the General Assembly on June 16, 2022.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/29/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning the service life of vehicles used for the  
2 provision of pupil transportation services.

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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. For <sup>1</sup>~~the 2022-2023 school year, the retirement date of~~  
8 ~~school buses provided by~~ a school bus used for pupil  
9 transportation purposes in the 2021-2022 school year that would  
10 otherwise be required to be retired in 2022 pursuant to<sup>1</sup> section 1 of  
11 P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206  
12 (C.39:3B-5.2)<sup>1</sup>, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
13 Vehicle Commission<sup>1</sup> shall <sup>1</sup>~~be extended~~ extend the retirement  
14 date of such school bus<sup>1</sup> by one year <sup>1</sup>upon request by the owner of  
15 the school bus<sup>1</sup>.

16 b. <sup>1</sup>~~For the 2023-2024 school year and the 2024-2025 school~~  
17 ~~year, the~~ The<sup>1</sup> Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
18 Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
19 Education, may<sup>1</sup>, upon request by the owner of the school bus,<sup>1</sup>  
20 allow an additional year of service for any school bus used for pupil  
21 transportation purposes in the prior school year that would  
22 otherwise be required to be retired <sup>1</sup>in 2023 or 2024<sup>1</sup> pursuant to  
23 section 1 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of  
24 P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.2), provided any inspections of the  
25 school bus determine that the school bus may safely be used for  
26 pupil transportation. <sup>1</sup>The chief administrator shall not grant a  
27 school bus more than one extension pursuant to this act.<sup>1</sup>

28 c. In any year that school buses are allowed to be operated  
29 beyond the statutory service life provided in section 1 of P.L.1983,  
30 c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-  
31 5.2), the chief administrator shall provide a report to the Governor  
32 and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), the  
33 Legislature that contains the following information:

34 (1) the number of school buses in each school district in the  
35 State authorized to operate beyond the statutory service life  
36 provided by section 1 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section  
37 2 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.2);

38 (2) the rationale for allowing school buses to be operated for an  
39 additional year of service pursuant to subsection b. of this section, if  
40 applicable;

41 (3) any data or information that the chief administrator used to  
42 determine whether to allow school buses to be operated for an  
43 additional year of service pursuant to subsection b. of this section, if  
44 applicable; and

**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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted June 16, 2022.

1       (4) any other information the chief administrator determines is  
2       necessary or appropriate to relay to the Governor and the  
3       Legislature concerning pupil transportation and school bus safety in  
4       the State.

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6       2.   This act shall take effect immediately.