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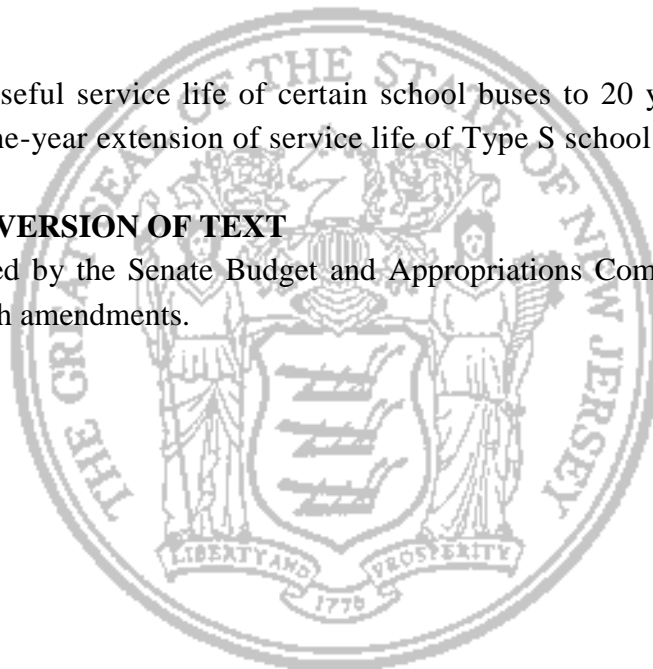
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**SYNOPSIS**

Extends useful service life of certain school buses to 20 years; provides temporary one-year extension of service life of Type S school buses.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on June 27, 2023, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT extending the useful service life of certain school buses  
2 and amending 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]** twentieth 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]** <sup>1</sup>**[twentieth]** twelfth<sup>1</sup> year from the date of manufacture,  
35 as noted on the vehicle registration, or at the end of the school year  
36 in which that date falls, whichever is later <sup>1</sup>, except that the Chief  
37 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall  
38 extend the retirement date of a Type S school bus by one year upon  
39 request by the owner of the Type S school bus, provided that the  
40 Type S school bus passes an additional inspection that is consistent  
41 with the inspection procedures established under the enhanced  
42 safety inspection program established pursuant to the "School Bus  
43 Enhanced Safety Inspection Act," P.L.1999, c.5 (C.39:3B-18 et

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>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted June 27, 2023.

1 seq.). The chief administrator shall not grant a Type S school bus  
2 more than one extension<sup>1</sup>.

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

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

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.