

SENATE, No. 2531

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires child care center vehicles to be equipped with alarm system prompting driver to inspect vehicle for children left unattended in vehicle.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning child care center vehicles and supplementing
2 P.L.1983, c.492 (C.30:5B-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. Each vehicle used to transport enrolled children to and from a
8 child care center licensed pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1983,
9 c.492 (C.30:5B-1 et seq.), except private passenger vehicles, shall
10 be equipped with an alarm system, approved by the Department of
11 Children and Families pursuant to subsection b. of section 2 of this
12 act, that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for children before
13 exiting the vehicle.

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15 2. The Department of Children and Families, in consultation
16 with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, shall:

17 a. adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
18 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations
19 concerning the alarm system required to be installed in each vehicle
20 that transports enrolled children to and from a licensed child care
21 center, which shall include minimum safety standards; and

22 b. approve alarm systems that meet the minimum safety
23 standards adopted pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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25 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
26 after enactment.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires each vehicle used to transport enrolled children
32 to and from a licensed child care center to be equipped with an
33 alarm system that prompts the driver to inspect the vehicle for
34 children before exiting the vehicle. The bill requires the
35 Department of Children and Families (department), in consultation
36 with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, to adopt rules and
37 regulations concerning the alarm system, including minimum safety
38 standards. The department is to approve alarm systems that meet
39 the minimum safety standards.