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SYNOPSIS

Requires consideration of student transportation needs in individualized education program and inclusion of certain transportation personnel on individualized education program team.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning special education and related services,
2 amending P.L.2015, c.123, and supplementing chapter 46 of
3 Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. Section 3 of P.L.2015, c.123 (C.18A:39-19.4) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 3. a. The Commissioner of Education shall develop a student
11 information card that includes information that should be readily
12 available to **[a]** school bus **[driver and school bus aide]** personnel
13 for the purpose of **[promoting proper]** ensuring the safe and
14 appropriate transportation of, and interaction with, a student with
15 special needs. The Individualized Education Program (IEP) team,
16 in coordination with the parent or guardian of a student with an
17 **[individualized education plan]** IEP, shall complete the student
18 information card when the **[individualized education plan]** IEP is
19 developed or amended for a student who receives transportation
20 services. The student information card shall be maintained with the
21 IEP and on the school bus transporting the student in a location that
22 is easily accessible to all school bus personnel.

23 b. Upon receiving consent from a student's parent or guardian,
24 the school district shall provide a copy of **[the]** a student's
25 completed student information card to **[a school bus driver and**
26 **school bus aide for each student on the bus route to which the]** all
27 school bus **[driver or school bus aide is]** personnel assigned **[for**
28 **whom a student information card has been completed by the parent**
29 **or guardian]** to the student's bus route and, as applicable, to any
30 contracted transportation provider providing transportation services
31 to the student pursuant to a contract with the school district.

32 c. As used in this section, "school bus personnel" means a
33 school bus driver, school bus aide, and any other individual who
34 works, and is otherwise responsible for the safety of students, on a
35 school bus.

36 (cf: P.L.2015, c.123, s.3)

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38 2. (New section) a. When developing an Individualized
39 Education Program (IEP), the IEP team shall consider the individual
40 needs of the student during transportation, including but not limited
41 to, their medical, behavioral, communication, and adaptive
42 equipment, and whether the student's disability makes the provision
43 of specialized transportation services necessary pursuant to
44 N.J.S.18A:46-23.

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 b. In addition to any other required personnel, an IEP team
2 shall include a school district's director of transportation. The
3 director of transportation shall attend all IEP team meetings unless:

4 (1) the parent or guardian agrees that the director may be
5 excused from participation in the meeting in accordance with
6 federal and State law; or

7 (2) the student does not receive transportation services as a
8 component of the IEP.

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10 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 STATEMENT

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15 This bill requires an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
16 team to consider the individual needs of a student during
17 transportation and whether the student's disability makes the
18 provision of specialized transportation services necessary when
19 developing an IEP.

20 Under the bill, in addition to any other required personnel, the
21 IEP team is required to include a school district's director of
22 transportation. The director of transportation is to attend all IEP
23 team meetings unless: (1) the parent or guardian agrees that the
24 director may be excused from participating in the meeting in
25 accordance with federal and State law; or (2) the student does not
26 receive transportation services as a component of the IEP.

27 Pursuant to current law, the parent or guardian of a student with
28 special needs is required to complete a student information card
29 containing information that should be readily available to a school
30 bus driver and school bus aide for the purpose of promoting proper
31 interaction with a student. Under the bill, the IEP team, in
32 coordination with the parent or guardian of a student with an IEP, is
33 to complete the student information card. The bill also requires the
34 student information card be readily available to school bus
35 personnel for the purpose of ensuring the safe and appropriate
36 transportation of, and interaction with, a student with special needs.
37 The student information card is to be maintained with the IEP and
38 on the school bus transporting the student in a location that is easily
39 accessible to all school bus personnel.

40 Under the bill, upon receiving consent from a student's parent or
41 guardian, the school district is required to provide a copy of the
42 student's completed student information card to all school bus
43 personnel assigned to the student's bus route and, as applicable, to
44 any contracted transportation provider providing transportation
45 services to the student pursuant to a contract with the school
46 district.