

CHAPTER 19

AN ACT concerning school bus drivers and supplementing chapter 39 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

C.18A:39-26 Short title.

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "School Bus Safety Act."

C.18A:39-27 Bus driver required to be on bus when pupil present, exception.

2. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, no school pupil shall be allowed on board a school bus unless the bus driver or other employee of the school board or school bus contractor is also on board the bus.

b. The provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not apply when a bus driver leaves the bus to assist in the boarding or exiting of a disabled pupil or in the case of an emergency.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved February 27, 2003.