

CHAPTER 9

AN ACT concerning school bus endorsements and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.39:3-10.1b Definitions relative to school bus endorsement; suspension.

1. a. For the purposes of this section:

“Chief administrator” means the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

“Commercial motor vehicle” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 3 of P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.11).

“Motor vehicle moving violation” means any violation of the motor vehicle laws of this State or any other jurisdiction for which motor vehicle points are assessed by the chief administrator pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1982, c.43 (C.39:5-30.5) or any violation of the motor vehicle laws of any other jurisdiction for which motor vehicle points would be assessed if that violation had occurred in this State.

“Non-commercial motor vehicle” shall have the same meaning as provided in section 3 of P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.11).

b. The chief administrator shall suspend the school bus endorsement of a person for 90 days following the date of the last conviction, or upon notification of an out-of-State conviction, whichever date is later in time, if the person is convicted of three or more motor vehicle moving violations in a three-year period or accumulates six or more motor vehicle penalty points while operating a commercial motor vehicle or non-commercial motor vehicle.

c. The chief administrator shall notify the Commissioner of Education of the suspension of a school bus driver’s school bus endorsement pursuant to subsection b. of this section within one business day following the date of the suspension.

d. Upon notification from the chief administrator pursuant to subsection c. of this section, the Commissioner of Education shall notify the board of education that employs the school bus driver, the nonpublic school that employs the school bus driver, or the contractor that employs the school bus driver that the school bus driver’s school bus endorsement has been suspended pursuant to subsection b. of this section within one business day following the date of notification of the suspension. If a board of education, a nonpublic school, or a contractor that employs the school bus driver is notified by the commissioner that the school bus driver’s school bus endorsement has been suspended, the employing board of education, nonpublic school, or contractor, within 24 hours of the notification, shall provide a statement to the Department of Education verifying that the school bus driver no longer operates a school bus for the board, nonpublic school, or contractor.

e. Prior to the reinstatement of any school bus endorsement suspended pursuant to subsection b. of this section, the chief administrator shall require the person to complete a defensive driving course approved by the chief administrator and may require the person to fulfill any other requirement that the chief administrator deems appropriate.

f. This section shall apply to convictions that occur after the effective date of P.L.2019, c.9 (C.39:3-10.1b).

2. This act shall take effect on August 1 following the date of enactment.

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