

## CHAPTER 43

AN ACT concerning school buses and amending and supplementing P.L.1965, c.119.

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

1. Section 2 of P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-2) is amended to read as follows:

C.39:3B-2 Signs, legends displayed on bus.

2. a. There shall be displayed on every bus subject to the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-1) signs or legends which will, insofar as practicable, inform the driver of any vehicle concerning the duty imposed upon him by law with respect to passing a bus, while it is loading or unloading. The signs or legends shall be in a color, form, and design as will meet the requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education, which requirements shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Title or any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto.

b. An agency, board of education, nonpublic school, or school bus contractor operating a school bus subject to the provisions of section 1 of P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-1) shall display across the rear of the school bus a telephone number, website address, or other identifying information which shall allow the public to report a bus driver's misconduct while operating the school bus to the board of education or nonpublic school for which the school bus provides transportation. The lettering shall be of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.

C.39:3B-2.1 Regulations.

2. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission and the Superintendent of the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the provisions of P.L.2019, c.43 (C.39:3B-2.1 et al.). The regulations shall establish:

(1) the appropriate board of education or nonpublic school official or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct;

(2) the appropriate actions which a board of education or nonpublic school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; and

(3) the time period during which a board of education or nonpublic school may act to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct.

3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first be applicable to the school year beginning on July 1st next following the date of enactment.

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