

CHAPTER 57

AN ACT concerning school safety and supplementing chapter 35 and 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:36-43 Policy requiring students to carry school identification card under certain circumstances permitted.

1. a. Each school district may develop and implement a policy requiring all students to carry a school identification card issued by the district while the student is at any school-sponsored, off-campus activity including, but not limited to, field trips or interscholastic sports programs. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to require a student to carry the school identification card while participating in an athletic contest or competition, an activity involving fine arts or performing arts, or any other extracurricular activity that the Commissioner of Education determines does not require the physical possession of a school identification card.

b. The Commissioner of Education shall develop guidelines concerning the information to be included on an identification card authorized pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The information shall include, but need not be limited to, the student's name, an up-to-date photograph, and the current school year.

c. A school identification card issued in accordance with this section shall not be considered a government record pursuant to P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.), P.L.2001, c.404 (C.47:1A-5 et al.), or the common law concerning access to government records.

C.18A:39-19.8 Policy requiring list of students being transported to certain activities permitted.

2. Each school district may develop and implement a policy requiring a list to be compiled of the names of students being transported by a school bus to a school-sponsored activity including, but not limited to, field trips or interscholastic sports programs. A list of students for each school bus compiled under a policy developed pursuant to this section shall be submitted to the school principal or designee and maintained for use in the case of an emergency.

3. This act shall take effect 90 days after the date of enactment, but the Commissioner of Education may take any anticipatory administrative action in advance as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

Approved April 3, 2019.