

39:3B-8 and 39:3B-9

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 39:3B-8 and 39:3B-9 (School vans - Type II - identification)

LAWS 1980 CHAPTER 148

Bill No. S781

Sponsor(s) Dumont

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Sponsor's statement:

This bill authorizes the identification of "van type II school vehicles" by imprinting "school vehicle" on the left rear door of the vehicle and with respect to such vehicles transporting handicapped pupils, the imprinting of the national symbol for the handicapped on the right rear door.

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SENATE, No. 781

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1980 SESSION

By Senator DUMONT

A SUPPLEMENT to "An act concerning public school buses, amending and supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes, and repealing 'An act concerning public school buses, and supplementing chapter 14 of Title 18 of the Revised Statutes,' approved June 12, 1948 (P. L. 1948, c. 133)," approved June 21, 1965 (P. L. 1965, c. 119; 39:3B-1 et seq.).

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

1 1. As used herein "van type II school vehicle" is a vehicle  
2 transporting pupils, under the jurisdiction of a local board of  
3 education, *\*manufactured after April 1, 1977, and\** having a pupil  
4 capacity of not less than 10 nor more than **\*[17]\* \*16\***.

1 2. In addition to owner identification, lettering shall be permitted  
2 on van type II school vehicles to identify the vehicles as school  
3 vehicles *\*and all such vehicles shall be painted school bus yellow*  
4 *and equipped with warning lights\**.

5 **\*[Letters shall be limited to the words "school vehicle" and shall**  
6 **be located on the left rear door below the window.]\*** With respect  
7 to any such vehicle transporting handicapped pupils, the national  
8 symbol for the handicapped may also be imprinted on the *\*lower\**  
9 right *\*side of the\** rear door **\*[below the window]\***.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 781**

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with Assembly committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 30, 1980

As amended in the Assembly Education Committee this bill requires that all van Type II school vehicles manufactured after April 1, 1977 shall be painted school bus yellow and be equipped with a warning system.

As amended in the Senate, this bill establishes a definition of "van Type II school vehicles" that coincides with the definition of Type I vehicles by reducing the maximum pupil capacity from 17 to 16, and in the event the bus is used strictly for handicapped, the vehicle may be identified as such by placing the national symbol for the handicapped on the rear of the vehicle.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Since April 1, 1977 the Federal government has prohibited school bus manufacturers from selling van Type II school vehicles to school districts unless the vehicle is painted school bus yellow, equipped with warning lights and identified as a school bus. Since this will affect only those vehicles manufactured after April 1, 1977, school districts will not have to bear any additional costs if this bill is enacted into law.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 781**

with Senate committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 1980

The bill authorizes the identification of "van type II school vehicles" by imprinting "school vehicle" on the left rear door of the vehicle and with respect to such vehicles transporting handicapped pupils, the imprinting of the national symbol for the handicapped on the right rear door.

The committee adopted two amendments to the bill. The first changed the maximum pupil capacity number from 17 to 16 to coincide with the definition of type I vehicles. The second is intended to conform the bill to Federal regulation by providing that the bill applies to vehicles manufactured before April 1, 1977. Such vehicles manufactured after that date must comply with Federal regulations on the subject.