

18A:39-22 and 18A:39-23

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(School buses--allow use for transportation of handicapped)

HJSA 18A:39-22 and 18A:39-23

LAWS OF 1979

CHAPTER 403

Bill No. S1471

Sponsor(s) Zane

Date Introduced Nov. 22, 1978

Committee: Assembly Transportation and Communications

Senate Transportation and Communications

Amended during passage Yes Amendments during passage denoted by asterisks

Date of Passage: Assembly May 21, 1979

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(Below) Senate amendments adopted 5-3-79 with statement (attached)
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Senate	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Fiscal Note	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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Following were printed:

Reports	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No
Hearings	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill permits the use of school buses for the transportation of handicapped citizens.

Presently the law permits the hire of school buses by senior citizens' groups for the transportation of such citizens to and from such events as may be approved by the school board. Organizations and associations for handicapped citizens have similar transportation needs and should be provided an equal opportunity.

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974.90 NJ. Governor's Task Force on Transportation
T764 Services for Elderly and Handicapped Persons.
1979u Coordinating specialized transportation
services in New Jersey. October 15, 1979.
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(See especially pp.4,40)

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SENATE, No. 1471

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 22, 1978

By Senator ZANE

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Communications

AN ACT to amend the title of "An act permitting the use of school buses for the transportation of senior citizens' groups and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes," approved January 18, 1977 (P. L. 1977, c. 5), so that the same shall read "An act permitting the use of school buses for the transportation of senior citizens' groups and handicapped citizens and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes," and to amend the body of said act.

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

1 1. The title of P. L. 1977, c. 5 is amended to read as follows:

2 An act permitting the use of school buses for the transportation
3 of senior citizens' groups *and handicapped citizens* and supple-
4 menting Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

1 2. Section 1 of P. L. 1977, c. 5 (C. 18A:39-22) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 1. The board of education of any district may, pursuant to rules
4 adopted by it, permit the use of school buses owned or leased by
5 the school district for the purpose of transporting senior citizens'
6 groups ****[and handicapped citizens]**** to and from such events
7 within its district or in any ***[contiguous]*** ****[*other*]**** ****con-**
8 **tiguous**** district, ****and for transporting handicapped citizens in**
9 **any district,**** as may be approved by the board; provided that such
10 use of school buses shall not interfere with the transportation of
11 school pupils; and provided that school buses so used shall be
12 operated only by persons licensed as bus drivers. The board shall
13 require groups seeking such use of school buses to pay all or part
14 of any costs incurred by the district in permitting such use, includ-
15 ing but not limited to the costs of fuel, driver salaries, insurance
16 and depreciation.

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

1 3. Section 2 of P. L. 1977, c. 5 (C. 18A:39-23) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 2. The use of school buses for the transportation of senior
4 citizens *and handicapped citizens* as herein provided shall not be
5 construed as use for hire and shall in no way affect the no fee
6 registration of such vehicles as provided in R. S. 39:3-27.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1471

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 1979

P. L. 1977, c. 5 permits the use of school buses owned or leased by a school district for the purpose of transporting senior citizens' groups to and from such events within its district or in any contiguous district as may be approved by the board of education. This bill permits the use of school buses for transporting handicapped citizens in any school district as may be approved by the board of education.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1471

with Senate committee amendment

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DATED: JANUARY 18, 1979

This legislation permits the use of school buses for the transportation of handicapped citizens. At the present time, such buses may be used for the transportation of senior citizens.

The legislation was amended so that such service could be made available in any school district.

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE, No. 1471
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED MAY 3, 1979

Amend page 1, section 2, line 6, omit "and handicapped citizens".

Amend page 1, section 2, line 7, omit "other" and insert "contiguous".

Amend page 1, section 2, line 7, after "district," insert "and for transporting handicapped citizens in any district,".

STATEMENT

This amendment permits the transport of handicapped citizens by school bus throughout the State, without regard to school district boundaries.