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Assembly, No. 3690

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45 bus.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3690

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

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Assemblyman VINCENT MAZZEO

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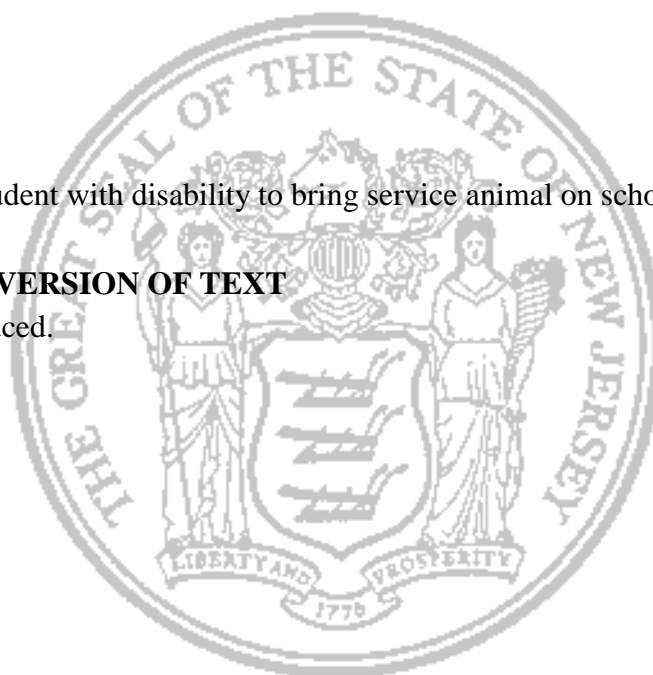
Assemblymen Garcia, Wimberly, Wilson, Gusciora and Senator Madden

SYNOPSIS

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

ASSEMBLY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3690

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 9, 2014

The Assembly Human Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3690.

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SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3690

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2015

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3690.

Current law allows a student with a disability, including autism, to have a service animal in school buildings and on school grounds. This bill expands the law to permit a student with a disability to bring a service animal on a school bus.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2601 (Gordon), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.

SENATE, No. 2601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 8, 2014

Sponsored by:

Senator ROBERT M. GORDON

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Madden

SYNOPSIS

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 26, 2015

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2601.

Current law allows a student with a disability, including autism, to have a service animal in school buildings and on school grounds. This bill expands the law to permit a student with a disability to bring a service animal on a school bus.

As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3690 (Mazzeo/Vainieri Huttle/Lampitt/Mosquera/Benson), which the committee also reported favorably on this date.