

39:3B-2 & 39:3B-2.1
LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2019 **CHAPTER:** 43

NJSA: 39:3B-2 & 39:3B-2.1 (Requires display of identifying information on rear of school bus so public may report bus driver misconduct.)

BILL NO: S1773 (Substituted for A4031)

SPONSOR(S) Patrick J. Diegnan and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 2/5/2018

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Law & Public Safety

SENATE: Transportation

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** 1/31/2019

SENATE: 10/29/2018

DATE OF APPROVAL: 3/18/2019

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted)	Yes
S1773	
SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill)	Yes
COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: Yes
	SENATE: Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:	No
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	No

A4031

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT:	ASSEMBLY: Yes
	SENATE: No

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LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:	No

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VETO MESSAGE: No

GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING: Yes

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School bus safety bill signed into law
NJBIZ (New Brunswick, NJ) - March 29, 2019

Also of possible interest:

Committee meeting of Senate Transportation Committee [and] Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee: the Committees will meet to hear testimony from invited guests regarding school bus safety [June 18, 2018, Trenton, New Jersey]
Call number: 974.90 S372, 2018g
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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 43, *approved March 18, 2019*

Senate, No. 1773 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning school buses and amending ¹and
2 supplementing¹ P.L.1965, c.119.

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

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

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

19 b. An agency, board of education, nonpublic school, or school
20 bus contractor operating a school bus subject to the provisions of
21 section 1 of P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-1) shall display across the
22 rear of the school bus a telephone number, website address, or other
23 identifying information ¹**[that allows]** which shall allow¹ the public
24 to report a bus driver's misconduct while operating the school bus
25 to the board of education or nonpublic school for which the school
26 bus provides transportation¹. The lettering shall be of a color that
27 contrasts with the color of the school bus.

28 (cf: P.L.1965, c.119, s.2)

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30 ¹2. (New section) The Commissioner of Education, in
31 consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
32 Vehicle Commission and the Superintendent of the Division of State
33 Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety, shall promulgate
34 regulations pursuant to the "Administrative Procedures Act,"
35 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) to effectuate the provisions of
36 P.L. c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
37 The regulations shall establish:

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

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate STR committee amendments adopted July 26, 2018.

S1773 [1R]

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

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

7 (3) the time period during which a board of education or
8 nonpublic school may act to respond to a complaint of school bus
9 driver misconduct.¹

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11 ¹**[2.] 3.**¹ This act shall take effect immediately and shall first
12 be applicable to the school year beginning on July 1st next
13 following the date of enactment.

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18 _____
19 Requires display of identifying information on rear of school bus
so public may report bus driver misconduct.

SENATE, No. 1773

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Sponsored by:

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Senator VIN GOPAL

District 11 (Monmouth)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Holzapfel and Singer

SYNOPSIS

Requires display of identifying information on rear of school bus so public may report bus driver misconduct.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/27/2018)

S1773 DIEGNAN, GOPAL

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11 of any vehicle concerning the duty imposed upon him by law with
12 respect to passing **[such]** a bus, while it is loading or unloading.
13 **[Such]** The signs or legends shall be in **[such]** a color, form, and
14 design as will meet the requirements prescribed by the State Board
15 of Education, which requirements shall not be inconsistent with the
16 provisions of this Title or any rule or regulation made pursuant
17 thereto.

18 b. An agency, board of education, nonpublic school, or school
19 bus contractor operating a school bus subject to the provisions of
20 section 1 of P.L.1965, c.119 (C.39:3B-1) shall display across the
21 rear of the school bus a telephone number, website address, or other
22 identifying information that allows the public to report a bus
23 driver's misconduct while operating the school bus. The lettering
24 shall be of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.
25 (cf: P.L.1965, c.119, s.2)

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

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STATEMENT

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34 This bill requires an agency, board of education, nonpublic school,
35 or school bus contractor that operates school buses to display across
36 the rear of the school bus a phone number, website address, or other
37 identifying information that allows the public to report a bus
38 driver's misconduct while operating the school bus. A school bus
39 operator that displays the identifying information would be required
40 to use lettering of a color that contrasts with the color of the bus.

41 Current regulations of the Department of Transportation
42 (N.J.A.C.13:20-49C.18 (d)) provide that there can be no lettering on
43 the front or rear of a school bus other than the words "SCHOOL
44 BUS." This bill allows school bus operators to display identifying
45 information that would permit the public to report a bus driver's

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S1773 DIEGNAN, GOPAL

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- 1 misconduct. The bill is to take effect immediately and be applicable to
- 2 the next school year beginning on July 1st.

ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 1773

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 17, 2019

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1773 (1R).

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 1773 (1R) requires an agency, board of education, nonpublic school, or school bus contractor that operates school buses to display a telephone number, website address, or other identifying information that would allow the public to report a bus driver's misconduct to the board of education or nonpublic school for which the school bus provides transportation. The amended bill requires a school bus operator to display this information across the rear of the school bus and use lettering of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.

The bill requires 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, to promulgate regulations that establish: the appropriate board of education or nonpublic school official or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; the appropriate actions which a board of education or nonpublic school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; and the time period during which a board of education or nonpublic school may act to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct. The bill is to take effect immediately and be applicable to the next school year beginning after July 1st.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 1773 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4031 which was amended and also reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1773

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 26, 2018

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 1773.

As amended and reported, this bill requires an agency, board of education, nonpublic school, or school bus contractor that operates school buses to display across the rear of the school bus a phone number, website address, or other identifying information that allows 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 bill requires a school bus operator that displays the identifying information to use lettering of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.

The bill requires the Commissioner of Education, consultation with the Chief Administrator the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) and the Superintendent of the Division of State Police (superintendent), to promulgate regulations that establish: the appropriate board of education or nonpublic school official or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; the appropriate actions with which a board of education or nonpublic school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; and the time period during which a board of education or nonpublic school may act to respond to complaint of school bus driver misconduct. The bill is to take effect immediately and be applicable to the next school year beginning after July 1st.

The committee amended the bill to require school buses to display across the rear of the school bus information that allows the public to report a bus driver's misconduct to the board of education or nonpublic school for which the school bus provides transportation. The amendments also require that the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the chief administrator and the superintendent, promulgate regulations that establish: the appropriate board of education or nonpublic school official or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; the appropriate actions with which a board of education or nonpublic school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver

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

ASSEMBLY, No. 4031

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 24, 2018

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman CLINTON CALABRESE

District 36 (Bergen and Passaic)

SYNOPSIS

Requires display of identifying information on rear of school bus so public may report bus driver misconduct.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



A4031 CALABRESE

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ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4031

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 17, 2019

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4031.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4031 requires an agency, board of education, nonpublic school, or school bus contractor that operates school buses to display a telephone number, website address, or other identifying information that would allow the public to report a bus driver's misconduct to the board of education or nonpublic school for which the school bus provides transportation. The amended bill requires a school bus operator to display this information across the rear of the school bus and use lettering of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.

The amended bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator) and the Superintendent of the Division of State Police (superintendent), to promulgate regulations that establish: the appropriate board of education or nonpublic school official or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; the appropriate actions which a board of education or nonpublic school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; and the time period during which a board of education or nonpublic school may act to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct. The amended bill is to take effect immediately and be applicable to the next school year beginning after July 1st.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4031 is identical to Senate Bill No.1773 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to:

- (1) require school buses to display across the rear of the school bus information that allows the public to report a bus driver's misconduct to the board of education or nonpublic school for which the school bus provides transportation;

- (2) require that the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the chief administrator and the superintendent, promulgate regulations that establish: the appropriate board of education or nonpublic school official or designee to address and respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; the appropriate actions with which a board of education or nonpublic school may take to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; and the time period during which a board of education or nonpublic school may act to respond to a complaint of school bus driver misconduct; and
- (3) make technical corrections to the bill.



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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

03/18/2019

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law

AJR-149 (Schepisi, Jasey, Johnson/Pou, T. Kean) – Designates September of each year as “Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month” in New Jersey.

AJR-164 (Benson, Zwicker, Lampitt/Diegnan, T. Kean) – Establishes "New Jersey Advanced Autonomous Vehicle Task Force."

A-591 (Moriarty, Reynolds-Jackson, Jimenez/Pou, Cruz-Perez) – Prohibits discrimination against cash-paying consumers.

A-1400 (A.M. Bucco, Caputo, DeCroce, Johnson/A.R. Bucco, Gopal) – Revises law governing Class Three special law enforcement officer.

A-4073 (Holley, Carter, Kennedy, Quijano/Scutari, Cryan) – Designates portion of State Highway Route 27 in Union County as "Jerry Green Memorial Highway."

A-4177 (Pintor Marin, Mukherji, Downey/Singleton, Ruiz) – Allows county homelessness trust funds to be used for code blue emergency shelter services.

A-4701 (Spearman, Chiaravalloti, Mukherji, Quijano/Ruiz, Cunningham) – Requires DHS to establish electronic portal to promote surplus food donation collaboration among nonprofit organizations, gleaners, and food retailers.

A-4734 (Land, Taliaferro, Mukherji/Beach, C.A. Brown) – Appropriates \$1,190,349 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for historic site management grants to certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses.

S-121 (Weinberg, Gill/McKeon, Bramnick, Vainieri Huttle) – Bars provisions in employment contracts that waive rights or remedies; bars agreements that conceal details relating to discrimination claims.

S-641 (Beach, Bateman/Munoz, Thomson, Lampitt) – Upgrades penalty for failing to report act of sexual abuse against child.

S-746 (Diegnan, Cruz-Perez/Vainieri Huttle, Pinkin, Chiaravalloti) – Permits certain audiologists to dispense and fit hearing aids.

S-1073 (Smith, Bateman, Codey, Greenstein/McKeon, Pinkin, Tucker) – Authorizes municipalities, counties, and certain authorities to establish stormwater utilities.

S-1773 (Diegnan, Gopal/Calabrese, Chiaravalloti, Tully) – Requires display of identifying information on rear of school bus so public may report bus driver misconduct.

S-2454 (Madden/Murphy, Houghtaling, Downey) – Concerns prevailing wage requirements for certain fabrication.

S-2712 (Ruiz, Madden/Lampitt, Murphy) – Mandates certain training for DOE arbitrators.

S-2714 (Ruiz, Madden/Lampitt, Armato, Murphy) – Requires school districts to notify State Board of Examiners when teaching staff member fails to report child abuse for determination of revocation or suspension of certificate.

S-2715 (Madden, Ruiz/Lampitt, Reynolds-Jackson) – Requires Attorney General to develop protocol for retaining footage from school surveillance system.

S-2773 (Pou/Greenwald, Lopez, Vainieri Huttle) – Clarifies definition of health care service firms and homemaker-home health aides.

S-2922 (Vitale, O'Scanlon/Vainieri Huttle, DiMaso) – Revises standard for presence of medical examiner during removal of anatomical gift from decedent.

Governor Murphy also announced that he has conditionally vetoed the following bills:

A-4904 (Mukherji, Quijano, Mazzeo/Cryan, Sweeney) – Concerns property taxes due and owing on real property owned by certain federal employees or contractors under certain circumstances.

[Copy of Statement on A-4904](#)

S-2129 (Cruz-Perez, Turner/Wimberly, Armato, Lopez, Mazzeo) – Directs certain unclaimed electric and gas utility deposits in Unclaimed Utility Deposits Trust Fund and societal charge revenues be paid to Statewide nonprofit energy assistance organizations meeting certain eligibility criteria.

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