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P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 41, *approved June 30, 2022*  
Assembly Committee Substitute (*First Reprint*) for  
Assembly, No. 3990

1 AN ACT concerning the service life of vehicles used for the  
2 provision of pupil transportation services.

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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. a. For <sup>1</sup>**the 2022-2023 school year, the retirement date of**  
8 **school buses provided by** a school bus used for pupil  
9 transportation purposes in the 2021-2022 school year that would  
10 otherwise be required to be retired in 2022 pursuant to<sup>1</sup> section 1 of  
11 P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206  
12 (C.39:3B-5.2)<sup>1</sup>, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
13 Vehicle Commission<sup>1</sup> shall **be extended** extend the retirement  
14 date of such school bus<sup>1</sup> by one year upon request by the owner of  
15 the school bus<sup>1</sup>.

16 b. <sup>1</sup>**For the 2023-2024 school year and the 2024-2025 school**  
17 **year, the** The<sup>1</sup> Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor  
18 Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the Commissioner of  
19 Education, may<sup>1</sup>, upon request by the owner of the school bus,<sup>1</sup>  
20 allow an additional year of service for any school bus used for pupil  
21 transportation purposes in the prior school year that would  
22 otherwise be required to be retired in 2023 or 2024<sup>1</sup> pursuant to  
23 section 1 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of  
24 P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.2), provided any inspections of the  
25 school bus determine that the school bus may safely be used for  
26 pupil transportation. The chief administrator shall not grant a  
27 school bus more than one extension pursuant to this act.<sup>1</sup>

28 c. In any year that school buses are allowed to be operated  
29 beyond the statutory service life provided in section 1 of P.L.1983,  
30 c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-  
31 5.2), the chief administrator shall provide a report to the Governor  
32 and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), the  
33 Legislature that contains the following information:

34 (1) the number of school buses in each school district in the State  
35 authorized to operate beyond the statutory service life provided by  
36 section 1 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) and section 2 of  
37 P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.2);

38 (2) the rationale for allowing school buses to be operated for an  
39 additional year of service pursuant to subsection b. of this section, if  
40 applicable;

**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:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted June 16, 2022.

1 (3) any data or information that the chief administrator used to  
2 determine whether to allow school buses to be operated for an  
3 additional year of service pursuant to subsection b. of this section, if  
4 applicable; and

5 (4) any other information the chief administrator determines is  
6 necessary or appropriate to relay to the Governor and the  
7 Legislature concerning pupil transportation and school bus safety in  
8 the State.

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10 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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15 Provides temporary one-year extension of service life of school  
16 buses for 2022-2023 school year; authorizes chief administrator to  
17 allow one-year extension in subsequent two school years.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3990

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 12, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman STERLEY S. STANLEY**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Extends service life of school buses by one year.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



A3990 STANLEY

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1 AN ACT extending the service life of school buses and amending  
2 P.L.1983, c.206.

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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 1 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 1. School buses manufactured prior to April 1, 1977, other than  
10 those of the transit type whose gross vehicle weight (G.V.W.)  
11 exceeds 25,000 pounds, shall not be used for pupil transportation  
12 purposes beyond the end of the tenth year from the date of  
13 manufacture, as noted on the vehicle registration, or at the end of  
14 the school year in which that date falls, whichever is later. School  
15 buses manufactured on or after April 1, 1977 and before January 1,  
16 2007, other than those of the transit type whose gross vehicle  
17 weight (G.V.W.) exceeds 25,000 pounds, shall not be used for pupil  
18 transportation purposes beyond the end of the twelfth year from the  
19 date of manufacture, as noted on the vehicle registration, or at the  
20 end of the school year in which that date falls, whichever is later.  
21 School buses manufactured on or after January 1, 2007, and school  
22 buses manufactured prior to January 1, 2007 that have been  
23 installed with closed crankcase technology pursuant to the  
24 provisions of section 6 of P.L.2005, c.219 (C.26:2C-8.31) and any  
25 regulations promulgated thereunder, other than those of the transit  
26 type whose gross vehicle weight (G.V.W.) exceeds 25,000 pounds,  
27 shall not be used for pupil transportation purposes beyond the end  
28 of the **[fifteenth]** sixteenth year from the date of manufacture, as  
29 noted on the vehicle registration, or at the end of the school year in  
30 which that date falls, whichever is later.

31 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a  
32 "Type S" school bus as defined by N.J.A.C.13:20-51.2 shall not be  
33 used for pupil transportation purposes beyond the end of the  
34 **[twelfth]** thirteenth year from the date of manufacture, as noted on  
35 the vehicle registration, or at the end of the school year in which  
36 that date falls, whichever is later.

37 Nothing provided herein shall be construed to allow the use of  
38 any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if that school bus is  
39 determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil transportation.

40 (cf: P.L.2011, c.130, s.1)

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42 2. Section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.2) is amended to  
43 read as follows:

44 School buses of the transit type whose gross vehicle weight  
45 (G.V.W.) exceeds 25,000 pounds shall not be used for pupil

**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.

A3990 STANLEY

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1 transportation purposes beyond the end of the **【twentieth】** twenty-  
2 first year from the date of manufacture, as noted on the vehicle  
3 registration, or at the end of the school year in which that date falls,  
4 whichever is later.

5 Nothing provided herein shall be construed to allow the use of  
6 any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if that school bus is  
7 determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil transportation.

8 (cf: P.L.1983, c.206, s.2)

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10 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 This bill extends the statutorily permitted service life of school  
16 buses by one year. This bill is intended to provide relief to school  
17 districts that are experiencing a shortage of school bus inventory as  
18 a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and other outside factors. The  
19 bill explicitly provides that its provisions are not to be construed to  
20 allow the use of any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if  
21 the school bus is determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil  
22 transportation.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT  
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3990**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 9, 2022

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably a committee substitute for Assembly Bill No. 3990.

The substitute bill provides a temporary extension of the service life of school buses for the 2022-2023 school year. Under the bill, the service life of certain school buses would be extended from 12 years, 15 years, and 20 years to 13 years, 16 years, and 21 years, depending on the type of school bus, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thereafter, for the 2023-2024 school year and the 2024-2025 school year, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator), in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, is authorized to provide one-year extensions for any school bus used for pupil transportation services that would otherwise be retired pursuant to current law.

For any year that the service life of school buses is extended, the chief administrator is required to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the extension.



STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
ASSEMBLY, No. 3990**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Assemblyman STANLEY)

ADOPTED: JUNE 16, 2022

These floor amendments clarify that school buses used for pupil transportation in the 2021-2022 school year that would otherwise be required to be retired in 2022 pursuant to statute are to have their retirement date extended for a period of one year. The amendments provide that the extension is to be granted by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission upon request by the owner of a school bus.

The amendments also clarify that extensions in subsequent years allowed under the bill, at the discretion of the chief administrator, may not be granted to school buses that have already received a one-year extension and may only be granted to school buses that would otherwise be required to be retired in 2023 or 2024, as appropriate. The amendments provide that these extensions may be granted upon request by the owner of a school bus.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
**ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR**  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 3990**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JUNE 20, 2022

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Provides temporary one-year extension of service life of school buses for 2022-2023 school year; authorizes chief administrator to allow one-year extension in subsequent two school years.
- Type of Impact:** Temporary decrease in local costs; temporary increase in State costs.
- Agencies Affected:** School Districts; New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<u><b>Year 1</b></u>	<u><b>Year 2</b></u>	<u><b>Year 3</b></u>
<b>State Cost Increase</b>		Indeterminate	
<b>Local Cost Decrease</b>		Indeterminate	

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will likely result in a decrease in local costs for the 2022-2023 school year by delaying school districts’ need to purchase new school buses by one year. The cost is indeterminate because it is unclear how many school buses will have their service lives extended and in which school districts.
- The OLS estimates that the bill may result in a possible indeterminate decrease in local costs in the 2023-2024 school year and 2024-2025 school year if the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission further extends the service lives of school buses as authorized under the provisions of the bill.
- The OLS estimates that the bill will likely result in an increase in Motor Vehicle Commission workload for up to three years to provide a report, or multiple reports, to the Governor and Legislature concerning the extension of the service lives of school buses. The cost of this reporting requirement is unknown but should be producible by current commission staff using existing resources.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill provides a temporary extension of the service lives of school buses for the 2022-2023 school year. Under the bill, the service lives of certain school buses would be extended from 12 years, 15 years, and 20 years to 13 years, 16 years, and 21 years, respectively, depending on the type of school bus, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thereafter, for the 2023-2024 school year and the 2024-2025 school year, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the Department of Education, is authorized to provide one-year extensions for any school bus used for pupil transportation services that would otherwise be retired pursuant to current law.

For any year that the service lives of school buses is extended, the chief administrator is required to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the extension.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS finds that this bill will likely result in an indeterminate temporary decrease in local costs and an indeterminate temporary increase in State costs. The bill is expected to decrease local costs in the 2022-2023 school year by allowing certain school districts, which own one or more school buses that are required to be retired in the 2022-2023 school year, to extend the useful lives of such buses for one additional year, thereby delaying the district's need to purchase new school buses by one year. The decrease is indeterminate because it is unclear how many school buses will have their useful lives extended under the bill and in which school districts. The bill also requires the the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to provide a report to the Governor and Legislature concerning the extension of the service lives of school buses, which will increase the commission's workload. The OLS does not have information indicating the costs that may be incurred by the commission to provide this report, but it should be producible by current staff using existing resources.

The bill may also result in an indeterminate increase in State costs and indeterminate decrease in local costs in the 2023-2024 school year and 2024-2025 school year if the commission, in consultation with the Department of Education, decides to extend the school bus retirement date for one or both of these additional years. As noted above, if the service lives of school buses are extended beyond the 2022-2023 school year, school districts may experience a decrease in local costs by further delaying the cost to purchase new school buses. If the Motor Vehicle Commission decides to extend the service lives of school buses in either the 2023-2024 school year or the 2024-2025 school year, or both, the commission is required to provide additional reports to the Governor and Legislature, which will increase the commission's workload for any applicable year.

*Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications*

*Analyst: Lauren M. Stutz  
Senior Counsel*

*Approved: Thomas Koenig  
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

**ASSEMBLY, No. 3990**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**220th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JUNE 30, 2022

## SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Provides temporary one-year extension of service life of school buses for 2022-2023 school year; authorizes chief administrator to allow one-year extension in subsequent two school years.
- Type of Impact:** Temporary decrease in local costs; temporary increase in State costs.
- Agencies Affected:** School Districts; New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Years 1-3</u></b>
<b>State Cost Increase</b>	Indeterminate
<b>Local Cost Decrease</b>	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will likely result in a decrease in local costs for the 2022-2023 school year by delaying school districts' need to purchase new school buses by one year. The cost is indeterminate because it is unclear how many school bus owners will request an extension and, therefore, how many school buses will have their service lives extended.
- The OLS estimates that the bill may result in an indeterminate decrease in local costs in the 2023-2024 school year and 2024-2025 school year if the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission further extends the service lives of school buses as authorized under the bill.
- The OLS estimates that the bill will likely increase the commission's workload for up to three years due to the requirement to report to the Governor and Legislature concerning the extension of the service lives of school buses. The cost of this reporting requirement is unknown but should be producible by current commission staff using existing resources.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill provides a temporary extension of the service lives of certain school buses. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is required, upon request by the owner of the school bus, to extend the retirement date of a school bus used for pupil transportation in the 2021-2022 school year that would otherwise be required to be retired in 2022. Under the bill, the service lives of these school buses would be extended from 12 years, 15 years, and 20 years to 13 years, 16 years, and 21 years, respectively, depending on the type of school bus.

Thereafter, the commission may, in consultation with the Department of Education and upon request by the owner of the school bus, allow an additional year of service for any school bus that was used for pupil transportation in the prior school year that would otherwise be required to be retired in 2023 or 2024. The commission is prohibited from granting more than one extension for any school bus.

For any year that the service lives of school buses are extended, the commission is required to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the extension.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS finds that this bill will likely result in an indeterminate temporary decrease in local costs and an indeterminate temporary increase in State costs.

The bill is expected to decrease local costs in the 2022-2023 school year by allowing certain school districts, which own one or more school buses that are required to be retired in the 2022-2023 school year, to request an extension of the useful lives of such buses for one additional year, thereby delaying the district's need to purchase new school buses by one year. The OLS is unable to quantify the magnitude of these expenditure decreases because it is unclear how many school bus owners will request an extension and, therefore, how many school buses will have their service lives extended under the bill. The bill also requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to provide a report to the Governor and Legislature concerning the extension of the service lives of school buses, which requirement will increase the commission's workload. The OLS does not have information indicating the costs that may be incurred by the commission to provide this report, but it should be producible by current staff using existing resources.

The bill may also result in an indeterminate increase in State costs and indeterminate decrease in local costs in the 2023-2024 school year and 2024-2025 school year if the commission, in consultation with the Department of Education, decides to extend the school bus retirement date for one or both years. As noted above, if the service lives of school buses are extended beyond the 2022-2023 school year, school districts may experience a decrease in local costs by delaying the cost to purchase new school buses for any applicable year. If the commission decides to extend the service lives of school buses in either the 2023-2024 school year or the 2024-2025 school year, or both, the commission is required to provide additional reports to the Governor and Legislature, which will increase the commission's workload for any applicable year.

*Section: Authorities, Utilities, Transportation and Communications*

*Analyst: Lauren M. Stutz  
Senior Counsel*

*Approved: Thomas Koenig  
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

**SENATE, No. 2593**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED MAY 12, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Senator KRISTIN M. CORRADO**

**District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Extends service life of school buses by one year.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/6/2022)**



S2593 DIEGNAN, CORRADO

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1 AN ACT extending the service life of school buses and amending  
2 P.L.1983, c.206.

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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 1 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.1) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 1. School buses manufactured prior to April 1, 1977, other than  
10 those of the transit type whose gross vehicle weight (G.V.W.)  
11 exceeds 25,000 pounds, shall not be used for pupil transportation  
12 purposes beyond the end of the tenth year from the date of  
13 manufacture, as noted on the vehicle registration, or at the end of  
14 the school year in which that date falls, whichever is later. School  
15 buses manufactured on or after April 1, 1977 and before January 1,  
16 2007, other than those of the transit type whose gross vehicle  
17 weight (G.V.W.) exceeds 25,000 pounds, shall not be used for pupil  
18 transportation purposes beyond the end of the twelfth year from the  
19 date of manufacture, as noted on the vehicle registration, or at the  
20 end of the school year in which that date falls, whichever is later.  
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22 buses manufactured prior to January 1, 2007 that have been  
23 installed with closed crankcase technology pursuant to the  
24 provisions of section 6 of P.L.2005, c.219 (C.26:2C-8.31) and any  
25 regulations promulgated thereunder, other than those of the transit  
26 type whose gross vehicle weight (G.V.W.) exceeds 25,000 pounds,  
27 shall not be used for pupil transportation purposes beyond the end  
28 of the **[fifteenth]** sixteenth year from the date of manufacture, as  
29 noted on the vehicle registration, or at the end of the school year in  
30 which that date falls, whichever is later.

31 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a  
32 "Type S" school bus as defined by N.J.A.C.13:20-51.2 shall not be  
33 used for pupil transportation purposes beyond the end of the  
34 **[twelfth]** thirteenth year from the date of manufacture, as noted on  
35 the vehicle registration, or at the end of the school year in which  
36 that date falls, whichever is later.

37 Nothing provided herein shall be construed to allow the use of  
38 any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if that school bus is  
39 determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil transportation.

40 (cf: P.L.2011, c.130, s.1)

41

42 2. Section 2 of P.L.1983, c.206 (C.39:3B-5.2) is amended to  
43 read as follows:

44 School buses of the transit type whose gross vehicle weight  
45 (G.V.W.) exceeds 25,000 pounds shall not be used for pupil

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not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

S2593 DIEGNAN, CORRADO

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1 transportation purposes beyond the end of the **【twentieth】** twenty-  
2 first year from the date of manufacture, as noted on the vehicle  
3 registration, or at the end of the school year in which that date falls,  
4 whichever is later.

5 Nothing provided herein shall be construed to allow the use of  
6 any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if that school bus is  
7 determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil transportation.

8 (cf: P.L.1983, c.206, s.2)

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10 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 This bill extends the statutorily permitted service life of school  
16 buses by one year. This bill is intended to provide relief to school  
17 districts that are experiencing a shortage of school bus inventory as  
18 a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and other outside factors. The  
19 bill explicitly provides that its provisions are not to be construed to  
20 allow the use of any school bus for pupil transportation purposes if  
21 the school bus is determined to be unsafe or unfit for pupil  
22 transportation.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE, No. 2593**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 9, 2022

This bill provides a temporary extension of the service life of school buses for the 2022-2023 school year. Under the bill, the service life of certain school buses would be extended from 12 years, 15 years, and 20 years to 13 years, 16 years, and 21 years, depending on the type of school bus, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Thereafter, for the 2023-2024 school year and the 2024-2025 school year, the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (chief administrator), in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, is authorized to provide one-year extensions for any school bus used for pupil transportation services that would otherwise be retired pursuant to current law.

For any year that the service life of school buses is extended, the chief administrator is required to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the extension.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, No. 2593**

with committee amendments

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 27, 2022

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2593 SCS.

The bill requires the Chief Administrator (chief administrator) of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to provide a temporary one-year extension of the service life of school buses for the 2022-2023 school year upon request by the owner of a school bus. For the 2023-2024 school year and 2024-2025 school year, the chief administrator is authorized to allow an additional year of service for any school bus that would otherwise be required to be retired in 2023 or 2024 pursuant to New Jersey law, provided that any inspections of the school bus determine that the school bus may safely be used for pupil transportation. The bill prohibits the chief administrator from granting a school bus more than one extension pursuant to the bill.

For any year that the service life of school buses is extended, the chief administrator is required to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the extension.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments clarify that school buses used for pupil transportation in the 2021-2022 school year that would otherwise be required to be retired in 2022 pursuant to statute are to have their retirement date extended for a period of one year. The amendments provide that the extension is to be granted by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission upon request by the owner of a school bus.

The amendments also clarify that extensions in subsequent years allowed under the bill, at the discretion of the chief administrator, may not be granted to school buses that have already received a one-year extension and may only be granted to school buses that would otherwise be required to be retired in 2023 or 2024, as appropriate. The amendments provide that these extensions may be granted upon request by the owner of a school bus.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will likely result in a decrease in local costs for the 2022-2023 school year by delaying school districts' need to purchase new school buses by one year. The cost is indeterminate because it is unclear how many school bus owners will request an extension and, therefore, how many school buses will have their service lives extended. The OLS estimates that the bill may result in an indeterminate decrease in local costs in the 2023-2024 school year and 2024-2025 school year if the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission further extends the service lives of school buses as authorized under the bill. The bill will likely increase the commission's workload for up to three years due to the requirement to report to the Governor and Legislature concerning the extension of the service lives of school buses. The cost of this reporting requirement is unknown but should be producible by current commission staff using existing resources.

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE**  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR**  
**SENATE, No. 2593**  
**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**220th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JULY 5, 2022

**SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Provides temporary one-year extension of service life of school buses for 2022-2023 school year; authorizes chief administrator to allow one-year extension in subsequent two school years.
- Type of Impact:** Temporary decrease in local costs; temporary increase in State costs.
- Agencies Affected:** School Districts; New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission.

**Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Years 1-3</u></b>
<b>State Cost Increase</b>	Indeterminate
<b>Local Cost Decrease</b>	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that the bill will likely result in a decrease in local costs for the 2022-2023 school year by delaying school districts' need to purchase new school buses by one year. The cost is indeterminate because it is unclear how many school bus owners will request an extension and, therefore, how many school buses will have their service lives extended.
- The OLS estimates that the bill may result in an indeterminate decrease in local costs in the 2023-2024 school year and 2024-2025 school year if the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission further extends the service lives of school buses as authorized under the bill.
- The OLS estimates that the bill will likely increase the commission's workload for up to three years due to the requirement to report to the Governor and Legislature concerning the extension of the service lives of school buses. The cost of this reporting requirement is unknown but should be producible by current commission staff using existing resources.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill provides a temporary extension of the service lives of certain school buses. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission is required, upon request by the owner of the school bus, to extend the retirement date of a school bus used for pupil transportation in the 2021-2022 school year that would otherwise be required to be retired in 2022. Under the bill, the service lives of these school buses would be extended from 12 years, 15 years, and 20 years to 13 years, 16 years, and 21 years, respectively, depending on the type of school bus.

Thereafter, the chief administrator may, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education and upon request by the owner of the school bus, allow an additional year of service for any school bus that was used for pupil transportation in the prior school year that would otherwise be required to be retired in 2023 or 2024. The chief administrator is prohibited from granting more than one extension for any school bus.

For any year that the service lives of school buses are extended, the chief administrator is required to provide a report to the Governor and the Legislature concerning the extension.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS finds that this bill will likely result in an indeterminate temporary decrease in local costs and an indeterminate temporary increase in State costs.

The bill is expected to decrease local costs in the 2022-2023 school year by allowing certain school districts, which own one or more school buses that are required to be retired in the 2022, to request an extension of the useful lives of such buses for one additional year, thereby delaying the district's need to purchase new school buses by one year. The OLS is unable to quantify the magnitude of these expenditure decreases because it is unclear how many school bus owners will request an extension and, therefore, how many school buses will have their service lives extended under the bill. The bill also requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to provide a report to the Governor and Legislature concerning the extension of the service lives of school buses, which requirement will increase the commission's workload. The OLS does not have information indicating the costs that may be incurred by the commission to provide this report, but it should be producible by current staff using existing resources.

The bill may also result in an indeterminate increase in State costs and indeterminate decrease in local costs in the subsequent two years if the Motor Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the Department of Education, decides to extend the school bus retirement date for one or two additional years. As noted above, if the service lives of school buses are extended beyond the 2022-2023 school year, school districts may experience a decrease in local costs by delaying the cost to purchase new school buses for any applicable year. If the commission decides to extend the service lives of school buses in either 2023 or 2024, or both, the commission is required to provide additional reports to the Governor and Legislature, which will increase the commission's workload for any applicable year.

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This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).



# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

06/30/2022

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

**2944/A-4162 (Sarlo, Ruiz/Freiman, Mosquera, Jaffer, Moriarty, Tully, Swain)** - Credits \$5.2 billion to “New Jersey Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund”; appropriates \$2.9 billion to NJ Schools Development Authority, NJ DOT, and NJT; and establishes process for authorizing future appropriations for debt defeasance and capital projects

**S-1929/A-3668 (Gopal, Pennacchio/McKeon, Tully, Conaway)** - Makes FY 2022 supplemental appropriation to provide State military impact aid to certain school districts

**A-4403/S-2915 (Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Cunningham)** - Makes FY 2022 supplemental appropriations of \$71,786,000

**ACS for A-1522/S-2914 (Moriarty, Mosquera, Jaffer, Freiman, Lampitt, Greenwald/Madden, Gopal)** - Establishes annual sales tax holiday for certain retail sales of computers, school computer supplies, school supplies, school art supplies, school instructional materials and sport or recreational equipment.

**A-4401/S-2860 (Jaffer, Moriarty, Tully/Gopal, Pou)** - Provides one-year waiver of certain MVC fees imposed for driver’s licenses and non-driver identification cards.

**S-2861/A-4400 (Madden, Pou/Mosquera, Swain, Wimberly)** - Waives fees for marriage and civil union licenses in Fiscal Year 2023; appropriates \$2 million

**S-2523/ACS for A-3852 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Reynolds-Jackson, Freiman, Jaffer, Moriarty, Mosquera, Wimberly)** - Provides child tax credit under gross income tax

**S-2476wGR/A-4179 (Ruiz, Vitale/Coughlin, Jasey, Sumter, Quijano)** - Establishes Thriving By Three Act to award competitive grants for infant and toddler child care programs; appropriates \$28 million

**A-2359/S-2034 (Tucker, Moen, Haider/Cruz-Perez, Pou)** - Provides for streamlining of SNAP application process and establishes SNAP application call center; appropriates \$750,000

**A-2360/S-2035 (Reynolds-Jackson, Mukherji, Speight/Cunningham, Ruiz)** - Eliminates requirement that participation in NJ SNAP Employment and Training Program is mandatory for certain recipients

**A-2361/S-2016 (Jimenez, Sumter, Timberlake/Zwicker, Ruiz)** - Requires DHS to maintain SNAP outreach plan and to conduct additional outreach programs

**A-2362/S-2036 (Freiman, Mosquera, Quijano/Johnson, Ruiz)** - Requires DHS to submit federal waiver request regarding time limits for certain SNAP recipients under certain circumstances

**A-2363/S-2033 (Stanley, Mejia, Lopez/Pou, Ruiz)** - Concerns SNAP services provided at county boards of social services and county welfare agencies; appropriates \$250,000

**A-2364/S-2017 (Spearman, Pintor Marin, Atkins/Greenstein, Ruiz)** - Appropriates \$813,000 to DHS to implement use of electronic benefit transfer cards in Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program

**A-2366/SCS for S-2156 (McKnight, Carter, Verrelli/Lagana, Pou)** - Establishes State SNAP Minimum Benefit Program; appropriates \$18 million to DHS

**A-2008/S-352 (Conaway, Verrelli, Benson/Gopal, Madden)** - Requires health insurance carriers to provide coverage for treatment of mental health conditions and substance use disorders through collaborative care

**S-2872/A-4399 (Scutari, Ruiz/Carter, Reynolds-Jackson, Murphy, Wimberly)** - Establishes Behavioral Healthcare Provider Loan Redemption Program within Higher Education Student Assistance Authority; appropriates \$5 million

**SCS for S-311/ACS for A-2036 (Vitale, Gopal/Benson, Verrelli, Conaway)** - Establishes Statewide behavioral health crisis system of care

**SCS for S-722 and 785/ACS for A-998 (Codey, Singleton/Reynolds-Jackson, Stanley, Jaffer)** - Codifies and expands ARRIVE Together Pilot Program to make certain mental health services available to police responding to certain emergencies; appropriates \$2 million

**S-2909/ACS for A-4374 (Diegnan/Benson, Pintor Marin, McKnight)** - Authorizes DOT to compensate contractors and subcontractors affected by supply chain shortages; appropriates \$10 million

**A-4405/S-2943 (Benson, Wimberly, Moen/Diegnan)** - Concerns New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority; increases Transportation Trust Fund spending limit by \$600 million

**A-674/S-1646 (Verrelli, McKnight, McKeon/Ruiz, Pou)** - Establishes New Jersey Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program

**A-3733/S-488 (Haider, Stanley, Benson/Scutari, Beach)** - Authorizes student attending institution of higher education to earn credit towards graduation for serving as poll worker

**ACS for A-3990/SCS for S-2593 (Stanley, Tully, Karabinchak/Diegnan, Corrado)** - Provides temporary one-year extension of service life of school buses for 2022-2023 school year; authorizes chief administrator to allow one-year extension in subsequent two school years

**A-4208/S-2791 (Pintor Marin, Quijano, Speight/Ruiz, Cruz-Perez)** - Provides sales and use tax exemption for certain purchases made by all supermarkets and grocery stores located within urban enterprise zones

**A2426/S513 (Wimberly, Reynolds-Jackson, Schaer/Cryan, Turner)** - Establishes rebuttable presumption of pretrial detention for defendants who commit certain firearm offenses under Graves Act

**A-4385/S-2933 (Conaway/Cryan)** - Makes various revisions to law pertaining to electronic medical records and recording patients' demographic information

**S-2807/A-246 (Stack, Sacco, Cunningham/McKnight, Sampson, Chaparro)** - Establishes Liberty State Park Design Task Force

**S-2917/A-4395 (Cruz-Perez, Stack/Pintor Marin, Freiman, Reynolds-Jackson)** - Expands allowance for developers to carry forward unused tax credits under New Jersey Aspire Program

**S-2921/A-4365 (Zwicker, Pou/Coughlin, Verrelli, Spearman)** - Revises various provisions of Food Desert Relief Program

**S-2945/ACS for A-4392 (Scutari/Pintor Marin, Sumter, Quijano, McKnight)** - Concerns economic incentives for certain cannabis businesses

**S-2023/A-4402 (Sarlo, Cunningham/Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - LINE ITEM** - Appropriates \$50,638,729,000 in State funds and \$24,082,639,850 in federal funds for the State budget for fiscal year 2022-2023

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Governor Murphy signed the following bills today, which were sent to his desk yesterday, conditionally vetoed, and then passed in concurrence with the Governor's recommendations:

**S-2476/A-4179 (Ruiz, Vitale/Coughlin, Jasey, Sumter, Quijano) – CONDITIONAL** - Establishes Thriving By Three Act to award competitive grants for infant and toddler child care programs; appropriates \$28 million

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**A-4403/S-2915 (Pintor Marin, Wimberly/Sarlo, Cunningham) – CONDITIONAL** - Makes FY 2022 supplemental appropriations of \$71,786,000

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