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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].

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Yes

"Gov. Phil Murphy signs school bus safety bills prompted by deadly Paramus crash," northjersey.com, December 17, 2018

"Fatal school bus crash leads to 4 new safety laws in NJ," Associated Press State Wire: New Jersey, December 17, 2018

"Fatal school bus crash leads to 4 safety laws in New Jersey," Associated Press State Wire: New Jersey, December 17, 2018

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P.L. 2018, CHAPTER 159, *approved December 17, 2018*

Assembly, No. 4339 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of school bus operations and
2 supplementing Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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16 Part 373, Part 374, Part 376, Part 379, Part 380, Part 381, Part 382,
17 Part 385, Part 386, Part 387, Part 389, Part 390, Part 391, Part 392,
18 Part 393, Part 395, Part 396, Part 399, and any other part of Chapter
19 III of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations that the Chief
20 Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, in
21 consultation with the ¹**【Commission】** Commissioner¹ of Education,
22 determines is in the public interest to be applicable to school bus
23 operations.

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25 2. This act shall take effect 180 days following the date of
26 enactment.

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32 federal regulations.

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:

¹Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted September 17, 2018.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4339

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED AUGUST 27, 2018

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LISA SWAIN

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman P. CHRISTOPHER TULLY

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Assemblywoman PATRICIA EGAN JONES

District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DeAngelo

SYNOPSIS

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36 requirements. The bill allows the Chief Administrator of the New
37 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the
38 Commission of Education, to determine if any other parts of
39 Chapter III of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations ought to
40 be applicable to school bus operations.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4339

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4339.

As amended and reported, this bill requires school bus operations in the State to comply with the provisions of Part 40 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations and various parts of Chapter III of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations concerning civil rights requirements, noise emissions, certain federal programs, registration and insurance, drug testing, driver safety and fitness procedures, and certain safety requirements. The bill allows the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, to determine if any other parts of Chapter III of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations ought to be applicable to school bus operations.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amended the bill to correct a reference in the bill to the Commissioner of Education.

SENATE, No. 2852

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JULY 23, 2018

Sponsored by:

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Senator JOSEPH A. LAGANA

District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Holzapfel, Singer, Greenstein and Ruiz

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2852

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JULY 26, 2018

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2852.

As reported, this bill requires school bus operations in the State to comply with the provisions of Part 40 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations and various parts of Chapter III of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations concerning civil rights requirements, noise emissions, certain federal programs, registration and insurance, drug testing, safety fitness procedures, and certain safety requirements. The bill allows the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, in consultation with the Commission of Education, to determine if any other parts of Chapter III of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations ought to be applicable to school bus operations.

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 2852

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator DIEGNAN)

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

These floor amendments correct a reference in the bill to the
Commissioner of Education.

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Newark, N.J.

Governor Murphy Signs Bills Expanding Rights and Protections for New Jersey's LGBTQ Community

07/3/2018

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today signed three bills that will provide critical protections to New Jersey's LGBTQ community. Senate Bill No. 478 will allow for the issuance of amended birth certificates for people who have undergone a change in gender, Senate Bill No. 493 will allow gender identity to be reflected on death certificates, and Senate Bill No. 705 will establish a Transgender Equality Task force.

"Today is an important day for New Jersey as we continue to strive toward equality for all of our residents, regardless of sex or gender expression," **said Governor Murphy**. "Allowing vital records to match gender identity is an important step forward that will allow transgender individuals to control the disclosure of their transgender status. And by creating a Transgender Equality Task Force, New Jersey can ensure that all residents receive the protections they deserve. New Jersey will continue to stand with our LGBTQ residents in the continued pursuit of similar rights nationwide."

"I am immensely proud of Governor Murphy for not only standing with our community, but also seeing that equality reaches everyone in New Jersey. Transgender people have long stood in solidarity with LGB people and here at Garden State Equality we make sure nobody is left behind," **said Christian Fuscarino, Executive Director of Garden State Equality**.

S478 is designated as the Babs Siperstein Law, recognizing transgender advocate Babs Siperstein for her tireless advocacy efforts related to protecting transgender individuals and expanding rights for LGBTQ New Jerseyans.

S478 was sponsored by Senator Joe Vitale, Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg, Assemblywoman Valerie Huttle, Assemblyman Reed Gusciora, Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker, and Assemblyman Nick Chiaravalloti.

S493 was sponsored by Senator Vitale, Senator Nia Gill, Assemblywoman Huttle, Assemblyman Tim Eustace, Assemblyman Nancy Pinkin, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey.

S705 was sponsored by Senator Teresa Ruiz, Senator Vitale, Assemblywoman Huttle, Assemblyman Eustace, Assemblywoman Pinkin, and Assemblywoman Jasey.

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY

THIS WEEK IN NEW JERSEY: DECEMBER 21, 2018



NJ TRANSIT MARKS 100 PERCENT COMPLETION OF PTC MILESTONE AND GOVERNOR MURPHY SIGNS LEGISLATION REFORMING NJ TRANSIT

NJ TRANSIT marked 100-percent completion of the Federal Railroad Administration's 2018 year-end milestone for Positive Train Control. Criteria for this requirement included installation of equipment on locomotives and cab control cars, installation of 326 miles of wayside equipment

including radios, transponders and poles, as well as initiating PTC testing and employee training. The achievement means NJ TRANSIT can apply for an alternative schedule to have PTC fully operational by the end of 2020.

Governor Murphy also signed legislation to comprehensively reform NJ TRANSIT's governance and management to improve service and reliability for New Jersey commuters. The bill includes reforms to NJ TRANSIT's board of directors to make it more responsive to commuters; expands oversight over NJ TRANSIT, both by the public and the Legislature; institutes regular disclosure of accident and safety performance reports; strengthens whistleblower protections; and creates Customer Advocate and Chief Ethics Officer positions within the agency.

"Rebuilding NJ TRANSIT for the one million New Jersey residents who ride the trains and buses every day has been a priority since I began my campaign for Governor," said Governor Murphy. "Thanks to our actions in partnership with our colleagues in the Legislature, NJ TRANSIT will now be able to direct its efforts more efficiently and effectively to improve safety, reliability, and services for commuters. I am proud to sign a bill into law that is committed to putting NJ TRANSIT on a positive track moving forward."

READ MORE: [Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Reforming NJ TRANSIT](#)



MURPHY ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES RULES FOR STATE'S RE-ENTRY INTO REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE

Fulfilling his pledge to restore New Jersey to a national leadership role in the fight against climate change and sea-level rise, Governor Murphy today announced that the Department of Environmental Protection has formally proposed two rules that will steer New Jersey's re-entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

"Climate change and sea-level rise affect every one of us," Governor Murphy said. "From Superstorm Sandy

to the powerful nor'easters and devastating flooding this year, it is imperative that New Jersey reclaim its leadership role in fighting back. Pulling out of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative in 2012 was not only an abdication of leadership, but it also cost us millions of dollars that could have been used to increase energy efficiency and improve air quality in our communities. This action is an important first

step toward restoring our place as a leader in the green economy and keeping us on a path to 100 percent clean energy by 2050 for the benefit of all New Jerseyans.”

READ MORE: [New Jersey Proposes Rules to Re-enter RGGI](#)

GOVERNOR MURPHY SIGNS SCHOOL BUS SAFETY LEGISLATION

Governor Murphy signed a package of school bus safety bills into law. This series of bills raises safety standards for school buses and school bus operators in the State of New Jersey.

“After the tragic school bus accident in Paramus earlier this year, it became clearer than ever that we must act to protect our children and educators through common sense school bus safety reforms,” said Governor Murphy. “Thanks to our actions in partnership with the Legislature, parents will be able to send their children to school knowing that school buses and school bus drivers are being held to extremely high standards designed to ensure the safety of students.”

READ MORE: [Governor Murphy Signs School Bus Safety Legislation](#)



ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEP COMMISSIONER FILE LAWSUIT CHALLENGING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO ALLOW OFFSHORE DRILLING IN NJ

In an effort to prevent the federal government from allowing harmful drilling off the New Jersey coast, Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal and Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe joined a multistate lawsuit to reverse federal approval of seismic testing along the eastern seaboard.

“New Jersey officials have consistently told Washington that we don’t want offshore drilling off our coast,” said Attorney General Grewal. “But the Federal Government is putting the fossil fuel industry above New Jersey residents, above our environment, and above the law. The Federal Government’s decision is flat out wrong, and offshore

drilling will harm our pristine coast and the residents and industries that rely on it. Now, it is also clear the Administration is willing to harm over 300,000 marine mammals, even endangered species, in pursuit of its fossil fuel agenda. In New Jersey, we're committed to fighting offshore drilling every step of the way, and I'm proud to file this lawsuit."

"New Jersey has a responsibility to protect our natural environment, including the hundreds of thousands of marine animals that depend on our coastline as their home," said DEP Commissioner McCabe. "I am proud to join Attorney General Grewal in this suit to fight back against the Trump Administration's efforts to exploit and harm our precious natural resources, and New Jersey's valuable tourism and fishing economy for the gain of the fossil fuel industry."


READ MORE: [AG Grewal, DEP Commissioner McCabe File Lawsuit Against Federal Government](#)

GOVERNORS LEAD BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO OPPOSE SEISMIC TESTING AND OFFSHORE DRILLING

Following the announcement that the Trump Administration authorized airgun use in waters off the East Coast, Governor Phil Murphy and a group of bipartisan governors from nine other states along the Atlantic coastline issued a letter yesterday urging Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to halt harmful seismic testing and offshore drilling in the Atlantic Ocean.

"As the governors of states on the Atlantic seaboard, we write to reiterate our strong opposition to seismic airgun surveys and oil and gas drilling off our coasts," the governors wrote. "These activities pose an unacceptable and unnecessary threat to our coastal ecosystems and coastal economies."

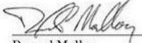
READ MORE: [Bipartisan Governors Come Together to Oppose Seismic Testing and Offshore Drilling](#)



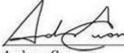
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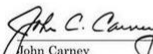
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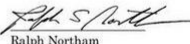
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