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(Transportation of school children)

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**LAWS OF:** 1995 **CHAPTER:** 95

**BILL NO:** A1194

**SPONSOR(S):** Azzolina

**DATE INTRODUCED:** February 7, 1994

**COMMITTEE:** **ASSEMBLY:** Education  
**SENATE:** Education

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes Amendments during passage  
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**SENATE:** March 30, 1995

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** May 1, 1995

**FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**SPONSOR STATEMENT:** Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:** **ASSEMBLY:** Yes  
**SENATE:** Yes

**FISCAL NOTE:** No

**VETO MESSAGE:** No

**MESSAGE ON SIGNING:** Yes

**FOLLOWING WERE PRINTED:**

**REPORTS:** No

**HEARINGS:** No

Report referred to in statement:  
974.90 New Jersey. Commission of Business Efficiency of the Public  
S372 Schools.  
1994a Pupil transportation: plans for change. March, 1994.  
Trenton, 1994.

[see pp. 12-13]

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[FIRST REPRINT]  
ASSEMBLY, No. 1194

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 1994

By Assemblyman AZZOLINA, Assemblywoman J. SMITH  
and Assemblyman Felice

1 AN ACT regarding the transportation of school children and  
2 supplementing chapter 22 of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 Statutes.

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

7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, a  
8 board of education <sup>1</sup>[shall] may include in the base budget or<sup>1</sup>  
9 designate as <sup>1</sup>[a]<sup>1</sup> separate line <sup>1</sup>[item] items<sup>1</sup> in <sup>1</sup>[the budget] a  
10 proposal to exceed the school district's maximum permissible net  
11 budget pursuant to subsection f. of section 85 of P.L.1990, c.52  
12 (C.18A:7D-28 f.)<sup>1</sup> all funds required to provide transportation to  
13 pupils who do not qualify for transportation under  
14 N.J.S.18A:39-1, but who walk to and from school along a route  
15 designated by the school district <sup>1</sup>or municipality<sup>1</sup> as constituting  
16 a hazardous walking condition. <sup>1</sup>When included in the district's  
17 base budget, the costs shall be designated as separate line items  
18 in the budget's supporting documentation.<sup>1</sup> The Commissioner of  
19 Education shall not require any reduction in <sup>1</sup>[this] the<sup>1</sup> line  
20 <sup>1</sup>[item] items during the review required under section 22 of  
21 P.L.1990, c.52 (C.18A:7D-27)<sup>1</sup> unless he finds that the provision  
22 of transportation to these pupils by the district is not necessary  
23 to protect the health and safety of the pupils.

24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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29 Requires school districts to designate as separate budget line  
30 item costs of providing transportation over hazardous routes to  
31 certain pupils and restrict authority of commissioner to cut this  
32 line item.

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 December 5, 1994.

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7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, a  
8 board of education shall designate as a separate line item in the  
9 budget all funds required to provide transportation to pupils who  
10 do not qualify for transportation under N.J.S.18A:39-1, but who  
11 walk to and from school along a route designated by the school  
12 district as constituting a hazardous walking condition. The  
13 Commissioner of Education shall not require any reduction in this  
14 line item unless he finds that the provision of transportation to  
15 these pupils by the district is not necessary to protect the health  
16 and safety of the pupils.

17 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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22 This bill provides that a school district must designate as a  
23 separate line item in the district's budget the cost of providing  
24 courtesy transportation to pupils who would otherwise have to  
25 walk to and from school along a hazardous route. The  
26 Commissioner of Education is not permitted to reduce this line  
27 item during the budget review process unless he finds that the  
28 funds are not required to protect the health and safety of the  
29 pupils.

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34 Requires school districts to designate as separate budget line  
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36 certain pupils and restrict authority of commissioner to cut this  
37 line item.

ASSEMBLY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1194

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 19, 1994

The Assembly Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1194.

This bill provides that a school district must designate as a separate line item in the district's budget the cost of providing courtesy transportation to pupils who would otherwise have to walk to and from school along a hazardous route. The Commissioner of Education would not be permitted to reduce this line item during the budget review process unless he finds that the funds are not required to protect the health and safety of the pupils.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[FIRST REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 1194

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 13, 1995

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports Assembly Bill No. 1194 (1R).

This bill provides that a school district may designate as separate line items in the district's budget or cap waiver proposal the cost of providing courtesy transportation to pupils who would otherwise have to walk to and from school along a hazardous route. The Commissioner of Education is not permitted to reduce the line items during the budget review process unless it is found that the funds are not required to protect the health and safety of the pupils.

This bill is identical to S-1606 with Senate committee amendments.

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Gov. Christie Whitman yesterday signed legislation to permit local school districts to designate in district budgets or in an application for a cap waiver the cost of providing courtesy transportation to pupils who would otherwise have to walk to and from school along a hazardous route.

The bill, A-1194, was sponsored by Assemblyman Joseph Azzolina and Assemblywoman Joann Smith, both R-Monmouth.

The bill provides, further, that the Commissioner of Education cannot reduce the amount in the local budget unless there is a finding that the funds are not necessary to protect the health and safety of the pupils.