S-1773 – School Bus Signs and Reporting School Bus Driver Misconduct

N.J.S.A. 39:3B-2 requires any agency, board of education, nonpublic school, or school bus contractor operating a school bus to display a sign across the rear of the school bus with a telephone number, website address, or other identifying information which 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 lettering shall be of a color that contrasts with the color of the school bus.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is in the early stages of drafting proposed regulations as required by law, in consultation with the Motor Vehicle Commission and Superintendent of State Police. At this time, however, school transportation providers should continue to follow the vehicle standards for school buses in New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission regulations pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-7.1, and otherwise comply with the statute’s requirements as appropriate.

If you have any questions, please email student.trans@doe.nj.gov or call the NJDOE’s Office of Pupil Transportation at (609) 376-9064.

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