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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. McKEVITT, KEARNS, GARBARINO, GRAF -- read once
and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring school buses
to display a toll free number for reporting an improper operation of
such school bus

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 3623 of the education law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3 3. A toll free number which may be contacted to report the improper
4 operation of a school bus shall be conspicuously displayed on the exte-
5 rior of every school bus. The commissioner in consultation with the
6 commissioner of motor vehicles shall promulgate regulations regarding
7 the size and location of such number. Such toll free number shall be
8 established, operated and funded by the department. In addition, the
9 commissioner shall establish a procedure whereby such reports are
10 forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement and school officials within
11 a reasonable period of time.

12 § 2. The commissioner of education in consultation with the commis-
13 sioner of motor vehicles shall prepare a report and submit it to the
14 governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the
15 assembly by December 31, 2018 and on December thirty-first of each
16 succeeding year. Such report shall contain an assessment of the impact
17 on safety of requiring a toll free number to be displayed on school
18 buses in accordance with the provisions of this act and specific recom-
19 mendations to increase school bus safety.

20 § 3. Subparagraphs 10 and 11 of paragraph e of subdivision 1 of
21 section 3623-a of the education law, as added by chapter 474 of the laws
22 of 1996, are amended to read as follows:

23 (10) the consideration for the contract or contracts made for the
24 purpose of providing transportation by horse-drawn vehicle or vehicles,

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 if any school district shall be required to provide such transportation;
2 [~~and~~]
3 (11) toll free numbers displayed on the exterior of every school bus
4 for the purpose of reporting improper operation of a school bus; and
5 (12) other expenses for district operated transportation systems, as
6 approved pursuant to regulations of the commissioner.
7 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
8 it shall have become a law, except that any rules or regulations neces-
9 sary for the timely implementation of this act on its effective date
10 shall be promulgated on or before such date.