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Introduced by M. of A. BURKE, DARLING, J. D. RIVERA, LUNSFORD -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring a school bus attendant or school bus monitor on all school buses

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 1229-d of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as added by chapter 675 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (1) (a) Every school bus operating in this state, which is transport-
5 ing students in kindergarten through sixth grade to or from school or to
6 or from any school related activity, shall have either a school bus
7 attendant or school bus monitor on board.

8 (b) The school bus attendant required by this section shall, in addi-
9 tion to keeping order on the bus, assist any child under the age of
10 thirteen, or any student with a disability with boarding and leaving the
11 bus and by crossing the street with the child where necessary.

12 (c) "School bus attendant" shall mean a person employed or authorized
13 by a school district to ride on a school bus as defined in paragraph (a)
14 of subdivision one of section five hundred nine-a of this chapter for
15 the purpose of maintaining order [ex] and rendering assistance to
16 [pupils with special needs] students, including any student with a disa-
17 bility.

18 (d) "School bus monitor" shall mean any person employed or authorized
19 by a school district to ride on a school bus as defined in paragraph (a)
20 of subdivision one of section five hundred nine-a of this chapter for
21 the purpose of assisting children to safely embark and disembark from a
22 school bus which is owned, leased or contracted for by a public school

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

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1 district or board of cooperative educational services, and for the
2 purpose of assisting the school bus driver with maintaining proper
3 student behavior on such school bus.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.