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AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the release of certain pupils from school buses

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3624-a to read as follows:

S 3624-A. RELEASE OF CERTAIN PUPILS FROM SCHOOL BUSES. 1. ALL PUPILS, AGE SEVEN OR UNDER, RIDING A SCHOOL BUS SHALL BE RELEASED INTO THE CUSTODY OF A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN UPON EXITING THE SCHOOL BUS. IF SUCH PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF DROP-OFF, THE DRIVER, MONITOR, OR ATTENDANT MUST TRANSPORT THE PUPIL TO A SAFE PLACE, DESIGNATED BY THE GUARDIAN.

2. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION, A PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF A PUPIL MAY IDENTIFY A PERSON WHO SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP SUCH PUPIL. THE PARENT, GUARDIAN OR CUSTODIAN OF THE PUPIL MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE SCHOOL OR PROGRAM IDENTIFYING ALL PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO PICK UP SUCH PUPIL.

3. ANY PUPIL EXITING THE SCHOOL BUS WITH HIS OR HER SIBLING, AGE TEN OR OLDER, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION.

4. ANY DRIVER, MONITOR OR ATTENDANT WHO KNOWINGLY VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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