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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- 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 on all school buses

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

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

(1) (a) Every school bus operating in this state, which is transporting students in kindergarten through sixth grade to or from school or to or from any school related activity, shall have a school bus attendant on board.

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

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

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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

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