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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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