STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 16, 2024

Introduced by Sen. COONEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

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:

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 either a school bus attendant or school bus monitor 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**.

(d) "School bus monitor" shall mean any 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 assisting children to safely embark and disembark from a school bus which is owned, leased or contracted for by a public school district or board of cooperative educational services, and for the purpose of assisting the school bus driver with maintaining proper student behavior on such school bus.

§ 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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

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