

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

Pursuant to Education Law sections 207, 305, 3624 and 3637

1. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) of section 156.3 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective June 21, 2011, as follows:

(iii) All school bus drivers shall receive a minimum of two hours of refresher instruction in school bus safety at least two times a year, at sessions conducted between July 1st and [the first day of school] October 31 and between December 1st and [March] May 1st of each school year. Refresher courses for drivers of vehicles transporting pupils with disabilities exclusively shall also include instruction relating to the special needs of a pupil with a disability.

2. Paragraph (5) of subdivision (h) of section 156.3 is amended, effective June 21, 2011, as follows:

(5) Monitoring and reports. Each school district shall periodically [but at least semi-annually] monitor compliance with the provisions of this subdivision by school bus drivers and drivers of vehicles owned, leased or contracted for by such school district. [Each school district shall prepare a written report of such review, which shall describe the actions taken to review compliance and the degree of adherence found with the provisions of this subdivision. Copies of the report shall be retained in the school district's files for a period of six years and made available upon request. The commissioner may also require specific school districts to provide additional information as necessary to address health concerns related to their compliance with the provisions of this subdivision.]