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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring all children with an individualized education program to be transported in buses with air-conditioning.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 19-605 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

a. Any bus or other motor vehicle transporting a child with a disability to and from a school in the city pursuant to any agreement or contract shall be air-conditioned when the ambient outside temperature exceeds seventy degrees Fahrenheit. Drivers of all such vehicles shall utilize such air conditioning systems in order to make the internal climate of such vehicles comfortable to passengers in order to protect or enhance the health of children with disabilities. Any failure, mechanical or otherwise, of an air-conditioning system required by this section shall be repaired and restored to operable condition as soon as is practicable, but in no event more than three business days subsequent to the failure. For purposes of this section, "child with a disability" shall mean a child with a disability as defined in section 4401(1) of the education law [who requires an air-conditioned environment for health reasons].

§2. This local law shall take effect ninety days after it is enacted into law.

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