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Acting Governor Guadagno Recognizes the Passage of “Abigail’s Law”

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Trenton, NJ – Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today recognized the passing of “Abigail’s Law”, in South Plainfield. The new law will require that all subsequently manufactured school buses in New Jersey must be equipped with front and rear motion sensors. The bill was inspired by the loss of two-year-old Abigail Kuberiet, when she was struck and killed by a school bus that she walked in front of in 2003.

“We wish that this tragedy had never happened, but we can be comforted knowing that we have taken steps to ensure that what happened to Abigail never happens to another child here in New Jersey,” said Acting Governor Guadagno. “As a result of this law, all newly manufactured school buses will have both

frontal and rear motion sensors enabling drivers to operate buses more safely for our children in the future.”

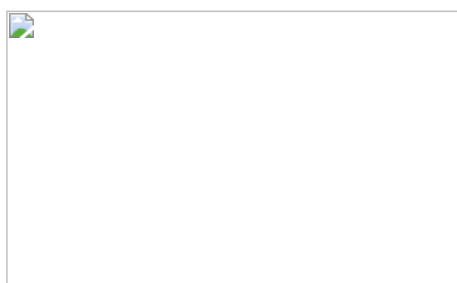
The Acting Governor was joined by the bill’s prime sponsor, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, and Abigail’s father, Middlesex County First Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Kuberiet. During the ceremony, she provided Mr. Kuberiet with a certified copy of the bill.

“Regardless of how much we teach our children the importance of school bus safety, tragedies can happen in just the blink of an eye,” said Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan. “From a great and inconceivable misfortune, we finally have a simple, life-saving technology that can help protect students, drivers and pedestrians and prevent another New Jersey family from losing a child,” Diegnan continued, “I am appreciative of the Acting Governor for her visit and words of comfort that may help assuage the continued bereavement of the Kuberiet family and by the passage of Abigail’s Law leave them with only the cherished memory of their angel Abigail.”

An attempt to pass a similar bill occurred closer to the accident, but the appropriate technology was not available until recently.

For more information regarding Abigail’s Law, visit: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bills/BillView.asp>

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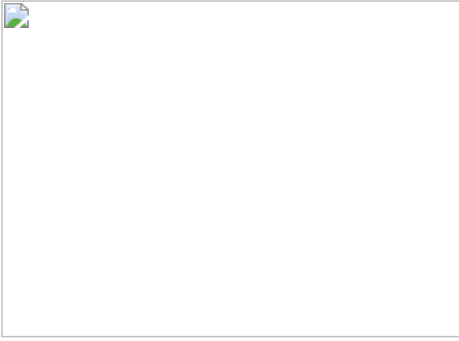


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