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Mr. Brown and Mr. Carrigan
(By Mr.)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections seven and eight, article twelve, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the identification and to flashing warning signal lights on school buses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections seven and eight, article twelve, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended to read as follows:

Article 12. Special Stops Required.

Section 7. Overtaking and Passing School Bus.—(a)

2 The driver of a vehicle on any street or highway upon
3 meeting or overtaking from either direction any school
4 bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of
receiving or discharging any school children shall stop
the vehicle before reaching such school bus and said
driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes
motion, or until signaled by the driver or other authorized
person or persons to proceed.

(b) Every bus used for the transportation of school
children shall bear upon the front and rear thereof a
plainly visible sign containing the words "school bus" in
letters not less than six inches in height. When a con-
tract school bus is being operated upon a highway for pur-
poses other than the actual transportation of children
either to or from school all markings thereon indicating
"school bus" shall be covered or concealed. Any school
bus sold or transferred to another owner by a county
board of education, agency, or individual shall have all
lettering removed or permanently obscured before sale or
transfer is made.

(c) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with sepa-
rate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a
school bus which is on a different roadway or when upon
a controlled-access highway and the school bus is stopped
in a loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such
highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross
the roadway.

Sec. 8. Special Lighting Equipment on School Buses.
(a) The commissioner of motor vehicles is authorized
to adopt standards and specifications applicable to light-
ing equipment on and special warning devices to be car-
ried by school buses consistent with the provisions of this
chapter, but supplemental thereto, and except that such
standards and specifications may designate and permit the
use of flashing warning signal lights on school buses for
the purpose of indicating when children are boarding or
alighting from any said bus. Such standards and specifi-
cations shall correlate with and, so far as possible, con-
form to the specifications then current as approved by the
Society of Automotive Engineers.
(b) It shall be unlawful to operate any flashing warn-
ing signal light on any school bus except when any said
school bus is stopped or is slowing down to stop on any
street or highway for the purpose of permitting school
children to board or alight from said school bus.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect from passage.

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The within approved this the 16th
day of March, 1963.

Governor