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SENATE BILL NO. 260

Mr Jackson and Mr. Carrigan
(By Mr.....)

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(By MR. MCKOWN and MR. CARRIGAN)

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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

5 receiving or discharging any school children shall stop
6 the vehicle before reaching such school bus and said
7 driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes
8 motion, or until signaled by the driver or other authorized
9 person or persons to proceed.

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

22 (c) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with sepa-
23 rate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a
24 school bus which is on a different roadway or when upon
25 a controlled-access highway and the school bus is stopped

26 in a loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such
27 highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross
28 the roadway.

Sec. 8. Special Lighting Equipment on School Buses.

2 — (a) The commissioner of motor vehicles is authorized
3 to adopt standards and specifications applicable to light-
4 ing equipment on and special warning devices to be car-
5 ried by school buses consistent with the provisions of this
6 chapter, but supplemental thereto, and except that such
7 standards and specifications may designate and permit the
8 use of flashing warning signal lights on school buses for
9 the purpose of indicating when children are boarding or
10 alighting from any said bus. Such standards and specifi-
11 cations shall correlate with and, so far as possible, con-
12 form to the specifications then current as approved by the
13 Society of Automotive Engineers.

14 (b) It shall be unlawful to operate any flashing warn-
15 ing signal light on any school bus except when any said
16 school bus is stopped or is slowing down to stop on any
17 street or highway for the purpose of permitting school
18 children to board or alight from said school bus.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

C. Ray Parker
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect *from* passage.

Howard Meyer
Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

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

W. W. Bann
Governor

