WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1986

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For

HOUSE BILL No. 1142

(By Mr. Mulleit & Mulneph)

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Passed Feb. 24, 1986

In Effect July 1, 1986
AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article twelve, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to criminal penalties for failure to stop at a school bus which is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

ARTICLE 12. SPECIAL STOPS REQUIRED.

§17C-12-7. Overtaking and passing school bus; penalties; signs and warning lights upon buses; removal of warning lights, lettering, etc., upon sale of buses; highways with separate roadways.

(a) The driver of a vehicle on any street or highway upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school 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
when there is in operation on said school bus flashing
warning signal lights, as referred to in section eight of
this article, and said driver shall not proceed until such
school bus resumes motion, or is signaled by the school
bus driver to proceed or the visual signals are no longer
actuated. Any such driver acting in violation of this
subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon
conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than twenty-
five nor more than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned
in the county jail not more than six months, or both
fined and imprisoned.

(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 eight inches in height. When a
contract school bus is being operated upon a highway
for purposes 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 flashing warning lights removed; all lettering
removed or permanently obscured; and such bus shall
be painted a color other than chrome yellow before sale
or transfer is made except when sold or transferred for
the transportation of school children.

(c) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with
separate 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.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1986.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within ................................ this the ................................

day of ................................, 1986.
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR
Date 3/16/86
Time 12:39 p.m.