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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PENALTIES
IMPOSED FOR THE UNLAWFUL PASSING OF A SCHOOL BUS; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PENALTIES
IMPOSED FOR THE UNLAWFUL PASSING OF A
SCHOOL BUS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1001(a)(1)(A)(i), concerning the penalties for certain violations involving school buses, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A)(i) ~~Any~~ Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section and § 27-51-1004(c), a party person who violates ~~any~~ of the provisions of this subchapter shall upon conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or confined in the county jail not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both fined and imprisoned.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1001, concerning the penalties for certain violations involving school buses, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(d) A person who violates the provisions of § 27-51-1004 shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand



five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1004 is amended to read as follows:
27-51-1004. Passing when stopped prohibited.

(a) When a school bus stops and displays its alternating red warning lights for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers, every operator of a motor vehicle or motorcycle meeting or overtaking the school bus from any direction shall bring the motor vehicle or motorcycle to a complete stop before reaching the school bus.

(b) The operator of the motor vehicle or motorcycle shall not start up or attempt to pass in any direction until the school bus vehicle has finished receiving or discharging its passengers and is in motion again.

(c) If the operator of a motor vehicle or motorcycle fails to comply with subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section while demonstrating a reckless disregard for the safety of the passengers of the school bus, the operator upon conviction shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

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