

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1458

By: Representative Richey

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT; TO REQUIRE A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PARTNER WITH A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION IN ORDER TO ENFORCE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY LAWS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PARTNER WITH A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION IN ORDER TO ENFORCE SCHOOL BUS SAFETY LAWS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 19 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-19-132. School bus safety enforcement.

(a) A public school district shall partner with the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the school district in order to enforce provisions of § 27-51-1004, which prohibits the passing of a school bus while it is stopped.

(b)(1) During the second full week in February and the third full week in August each year, a local law enforcement agency that is partnered with a public school district under subsection (a) of this section shall assign certain law enforcement officers to follow school buses operated by the public school district in order to observe and enforce § 27-51-1004.

(2) A law enforcement agency shall report its observations and



the means of enforcement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section to the Department of Arkansas State Police within two (2) weeks of conducting the actions required under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(c) A law enforcement officer who is assigned to follow school buses under subdivision (b)(1) of this section and who fails to comply with this section shall attend a school bus driver in-service training course that is conducted by the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation within one (1) year of the report submitted under subdivision (b)(2).