

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1567

By: Representative Womack

By: Senator Crowell

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF
IDENTIFICATION AND SAFETY DEVICES ON A SCHOOL BUS;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT
OF IDENTIFICATION AND SAFETY DEVICES ON A
SCHOOL BUS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-19-117(b), concerning school bus safety equipment, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) In addition to the lighting requirement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, a school bus that is purchased new or leased that is to be used in Arkansas on or after January 1, 2024, shall be equipped with alternating red warning lights required under § 27-51-1002(c)(1)(C).

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1002(c)(1), concerning the lighting required on a school bus, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A) ~~The~~ Except as provided under subdivision (c)(1)(C) of this section, the state board ~~is vested with full authority and responsibility to~~ shall prescribe by rule the number and location and other specifications for alternating red warning lights on school buses operated in this state.

(B) Alternating red warning lights shall be operating at all times when the buses are loading or unloading school children but at no



other time.

(C) In addition to the lighting requirements prescribed under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section, alternating red warning lights shall be placed:

(i) On the front and back of a school bus; and

(ii) At a height determined by the state board to be at the line of vision of a person operating a motor vehicle within passing distance of a school bus.