

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2710

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5 By: Representative Green
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 5-60-113 TO
10 INCREASE THE FINE AND CLARIFY THE OFFENSE OF
11 USING ABUSIVE LANGUAGE TO A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-60-113 is amended to read as follows:
24 5-60-113. Using abusive language to school bus driver.

25 (a)(1) It is unlawful during regular school hours or on a school bus
26 while being transported to or from school, for any person ~~or persons to~~
27 ~~threaten, curse, or use abusive language to~~ address a school bus driver ~~in~~
28 ~~the presence of students in this state~~ using language which in its common
29 acceptation is calculated to:

30 (A) Cause a breach of the peace;

31 (B) Materially and substantially interfere with the
32 operation of the school bus; or

33 (C) Arouse the person to whom it is addressed to anger to
34 the extent likely to cause imminent retaliation.

35 (b)(1) Any person who violates ~~the provisions of~~ this section shall be
36 guilty of a an unclassified misdemeanor; and ~~upon conviction~~



1 (2) A person who pleads guilty, nolo contendere, or is found
2 guilty of violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than
3 ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00)~~ one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than ~~one~~
4 ~~hundred dollars (\$100)~~ five hundred dollars (\$500).

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6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1 is amended
7 to add an additional section to read as follows:

8 5-60-123. Willfully trespassing upon, damaging or impeding the
9 progress of a public school bus.

10 (a) No person shall enter a public school bus if the person has been
11 told by the bus driver, a school teacher, or other school personnel to not
12 enter the school bus.

13 (b) No person shall remain on a school bus after being told by the bus
14 driver, a school teacher, or other school personnel to leave the bus.

15 (c) No person shall unlawfully and willfully stop, impede, delay, or
16 detain any public school bus being operated for public purposes.

17 (d) Subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section shall not apply to a
18 child less than twelve (12) years of age or authorized school personnel.

19 (e) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
20 guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and a person who pleads guilty, nolo
21 contendere, or is found guilty shall be punished by a fine of not less than
22 one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred (\$500).

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