## 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	As Engrossed: H4/4/03	
2	84th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2003		HOUSE BILL 2710
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5	By: Representative Green		
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8	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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14		Subtitle	
15	AN AC	CT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 5-60-113	3
16	TO IN	NCREASE THE FINE AND CLARIFY THE	
17	OFFEN	NSE OF USING ABUSIVE LANGUAGE TO A	
18	SCHOO	DL BUS DRIVER.	
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARK	ANSAS:
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23	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code § 5-60-113 is amended to	read as follows:
24	5-60-113. Using	abusive language to school bus dri	.ver.
25	(a) <u>(l)</u> It is un	lawful <u>during regular school hours</u>	or on a school bus
26	while being transported	d to or from school or school relat	<u>ed activities,</u> for
27	any person <del>or persons</del>	to threaten, curse, or use abusive	<del>languag</del> e to <u>address</u>
28	a school bus driver <del>in</del>	the presence of students in this s	tate using language
29	which in its common ac	ceptation is calculated to:	
30	<u>(A)</u>	Cause a breach of the peace;	
31	<u>(B)</u>	Materially and substantially inter	fere with the
32	operation of the school bus; or		
33	<u>(C)</u>	Arouse the person to whom it is ad	dressed to anger to
34	the extent likely to cause imminent retaliation.		
35	(b) <u>(1)</u> Any pers	on who violates <del>the provisions of</del> t	this section shall be
36	guilty of a an unclass	ified misdemeanor; and upon convict	<del>:ion</del>

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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 with malicious intent stop, impede,		
16	delay, or detain any public school bus being operated for public purposes.		
17	(d) Subsections (a), (b), and (c) 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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