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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1144

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AN  
9 AUTOMATED SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERA; TO USE A  
10 PHOTOGRAPH OR VIDEO AS EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC  
11 VIOLATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION AND  
15 OPERATION OF AN AUTOMATED SCHOOL BUS  
16 SAFETY CAMERA; AND TO USE A PHOTOGRAPH OR  
17 VIDEO AS EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC  
18 VIOLATIONS.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 19, Subchapter 1, is amended  
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 6-19-130. Automated school bus safety camera.

27 (a) As used in this section, "automated school bus safety camera"  
28 means a device that is affixed to a school bus and is synchronized to  
29 automatically record video or one (1) or more sequenced photographs of a  
30 motor vehicle passing a school bus in violation of § 27-51-1004.

31 (b) A public school district or an open enrollment public charter  
32 school may:

33 (1) Install and operate an automated school bus safety camera on  
34 a school bus; and

35 (2) Enter into a contract with a private vendor to install and  
36 operate the automated school bus safety camera.



1       (c) Upon the request of an investigating law enforcement agency, a  
2 public school district or an open enrollment public charter school shall  
3 provide a video or photograph recorded by an automated school bus safety  
4 camera for use as evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding for a violation  
5 of an offense under § 27-51-1001 et seq.

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7       SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1001, concerning the penalties for a  
8 traffic violation involving a school bus, is amended to add an additional  
9 subsection to read as follows:

10       (c) A photograph or video recorded by an automated school bus safety  
11 camera authorized by § 6-19-130:

12               (1) Is admissible as evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding  
13 to the extent permitted by the rules of evidence of this state; and

14               (2) Is not required for the prosecution of a violation of an  
15 offense under this subchapter.

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