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2	94th General Assembly	A DIII	HOUGE DILL 1711
3	Regular Session, 2023		HOUSE BILL 1511
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5	By: Representative R. Scott Ri	icnardson	
6	By: Senator J. Dotson		
7 8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO CREATE CHARLIE'S LAW; TO REQUIRE AN		
10	ELECTRONIC CHILD SAFETY ALARM SYSTEM BE INSTALLED IN		
11	A SCHOOL BUS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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15	TO CR	EATE CHARLIE'S LAW; AND TO REQUIRE	
16	AN EL	ECTRONIC CHILD SAFETY ALARM SYSTEM	
17	BE IN	STALLED IN A SCHOOL BUS.	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:		
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22	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code Title 6, Chapter 19, Subc	hapter 1, is amended
23	to add an additional section to read as follows:		
24	6-19-132. Charl	ie's Law.	
25	(a) This section	n shall be known and may be cited a	s "Charlie's Law".
26	(b)(l) Beginning	g January 1, 2024, each new or used	school bus acquired
27	by a school shall have	an electronic child safety alarm s	ystem installed.
28	<u>(2) By Jan</u>	nuary 1, 2029, every school bus own	ed or operated by a
29		lectronic child safety alarm system	
30		nic child safety alarm system requi	red by this section
31	shall:		
32		ectronic and activated from the poi	<u>nt at which the</u>
33	school bus is turned or		
34		main activated, and not be deactiva	·
35		s pressed at the interior rear of t	<u>he school bus after</u>
36	the school bus has been	<u>n turned off.</u>	

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1	(B) The reset or deactivation button required under
2	subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section shall require the school bus driver to
3	manually contact the reset or deactivation button, which shall prompt the
4	school bus driver to inspect the entirety of the interior of the school bus
5	before the school bus driver is able to exit the school bus; and
6	(3)(A) Provide an audio alarm if the electronic child safety
7	alarm is not reset or deactivated within ten (10) minutes from the point at
8	which the school bus has been turned off.
9	(B) The audio alarm required under subdivision (c)(3)(A)
10	of this section shall be of significant enough volume as to alert an
11	individual outside of the school bus.
12	(d) As used in this section, "school" shall include:
13	(1) A public school or public school district; or
14	(2) An open-enrollment public charter school.
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16	/s/R. Scott Richardson
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