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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1006

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PENALTIES
10 IMPOSED FOR THE UNLAWFUL PASSING OF A SCHOOL BUS; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PENALTIES
15 IMPOSED FOR THE UNLAWFUL PASSING OF A
16 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. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1001(a)(1)(A)(i), concerning the
23 penalties for certain violations involving school buses, is amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (a)(1)(A)(i) ~~Any~~ Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section
26 and § 27-51-1004(c), a party person who violates ~~any~~ of the provisions of
27 this subchapter shall upon conviction be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
28 fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) nor more than one
29 thousand dollars (\$1,000) or confined in the county jail not to exceed ninety
30 (90) days, or both fined and imprisoned.
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1001, concerning the penalties for
33 certain violations involving school buses, is amended to add an additional
34 subsection to read as follows:

35 (d) A person who violates the provisions of § 27-51-1004 shall be
36 fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than two thousand



1 five hundred dollars (\$2,500).

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1004 is amended to read as follows:
4 27-51-1004. Passing when stopped prohibited.

5 (a) When a school bus stops and displays its alternating red warning
6 lights for the purpose of loading or unloading passengers, every operator of
7 a motor vehicle or motorcycle meeting or overtaking the school bus from any
8 direction shall bring the motor vehicle or motorcycle to a complete stop
9 before reaching the school bus.

10 (b) The operator of the motor vehicle or motorcycle shall not start up
11 or attempt to pass in any direction until the school bus vehicle has finished
12 receiving or discharging its passengers and is in motion again.

13 (c) If the operator of a motor vehicle or motorcycle fails to comply
14 with subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section while demonstrating a
15 reckless disregard for the safety of the passengers of the school bus, the
16 operator upon conviction shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.