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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1511

5 By: Representative R. Scott Richardson
6 By: Senator J. Dotson
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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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Subtitle

15 TO CREATE CHARLIE'S LAW; AND TO REQUIRE
16 AN ELECTRONIC CHILD SAFETY ALARM SYSTEM
17 BE INSTALLED 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. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 19, Subchapter 1, is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 6-19-132. Charlie's Law.

25 (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as "Charlie's Law".

26 (b)(1) Beginning January 1, 2024, each new or used school bus acquired
27 by a school shall have an electronic child safety alarm system installed.

28 (2) By January 1, 2029, every school bus owned or operated by a
29 school shall have an electronic child safety alarm system installed.

30 (c) The electronic child safety alarm system required by this section
31 shall:

32 (1) Be electronic and activated from the point at which the
33 school bus is turned on;

34 (2)(A) Remain activated, and not be deactivated, until a reset
35 or deactivate button is pressed at the interior rear of the school bus after
36 the school bus has been turned off.



