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81st GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Regular Session, 1997

## Amendment Form

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_ to SENATE Bill No. 437  
Amend SENATE Bill No. 437 as engrossed 03-20-97  
by

inserting a new Section on line 33 on page 1 to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-19-117 is amended to read as follows:

"6-19-117. School bus safety equipment.

(a) As used in this section, "school bus" means every motor vehicle owned by a public school district or a private school or a governmental agency and operated for the transportation of children to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

(b) Any new school bus whose function involves the loading or discharge of school children as passengers shall be equipped with a flashing white strobe light in order to provide greater visibility to drivers in approaching vehicles. Such strobe light shall be in addition to those flasher lights required under § 27-51-1002.

(c) Any new school bus whose function involves the loading or discharge of school children as passengers on a regular route shall be equipped with an electric, air, or hydraulic-operated crossing gate in order to prevent school children from crossing in front of the bus in such a way that the bus driver is unlikely to see them.

(d) On and after July 1, 1997, all other school buses shall be retrofitted with a flashing white strobe light and an electric, air, or hydraulic-operated crossing gate for purposes as described in this section.

(e) By no later than July 1 of each year, the superintendent of each

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local school district shall certify to the Department of Education that the district is in compliance with the provisions of this section.

—(e) (f) The Director of General Education of the Department of Education shall cause to be publicized the first week of each school year as School Bus Safety Week."

AND

appropriately renumbering subsequent sections of the bill.

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