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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2111

"TO INCREASE SAFETY ON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2111.

Amend House Bill No. 2111 as originally introduced:

Delete all language after the enacting clause and substitute:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 19, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-19-124. Telephone number to report the unsafe operation of a school bus to be displayed on school buses.

(a) As used in this section, "school bus" means a motor vehicle designed to carry more than ten (10) passengers:

(1) Owned by a public or a governmental agency or a private school and operated for the transportation of students to or from school or school-sponsored activities; or

(2) Privately owned and operated for compensation for the transportation of students to or from school or school-sponsored activities.

(b)(1) Each school district and private school in the state shall have a telephone number for reporting and responding to telephone calls regarding the unsafe operation of a school bus by a school bus driver.

(2) This telephone number shall be known as the school district or private school's "Unsafe School Bus Hotline".

(c)(1) A call to the Unsafe School Bus Hotline shall be answered by an employee of the school district or private school.

(2) The school district or private school shall maintain a log of all telephone calls that are received by the Unsafe School Bus Hotline.

(d)(1) A response to each complaint made to the Unsafe School Bus Hotline shall be made by an employee of the school district or private school.

(2) The school district or private school shall include in the call log what action was taken in response to each telephone call that is received by the Unsafe School Bus Hotline.

(e) A school bus operated in this state shall have displayed on the exterior of a school bus between the two (2) windows of the rear emergency exit door the following notification followed by the telephone number of the school district or private school's Unsafe School Bus Hotline:

"REPORT THE UNSAFE OPERATION OF THIS SCHOOL BUS [school bus identification



number] TO THE UNSAFE SCHOOL BUS HOTLINE”.

(f) The Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall promulgate rules for the implementation, administration, and enforcement of this section, including reporting requirements to collect data on the number of complaints made to each school district or private school under this section.”

The Amendment was read _____
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