

State of Arkansas

77th General Assembly

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1097

By: Representatives Matthews and Barclay

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 27, CHAPTER 51, SECTION 1004 TO
CLARIFY WHEN TRAFFIC MUST YIELD TO A SCHOOL BUS; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-51-1004(a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) When a school bus vehicle stops and displays its flashing red lights, every operator of a motor vehicle or motorcycle approaching it from any direction shall bring the motor vehicle or motorcycle to a full stop before proceeding in any direction."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that current wording in the law makes it unclear that vehicles encountering a school bus stopped at traffic control devices and not discharging or receiving passengers may proceed through the intersection; that as a result of this confusion, enforcement of this provision has proven difficult; that literal enforcement of the current law would result in an absurdity; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.