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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1265

5 By: Representatives Boyd, Crawford
6 By: Senator L. Eads
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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15 PASSING OF A SCHOOL BUS.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1004 is amended to read as follows:
21 27-51-1004. Passing when stopped prohibited.

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

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

30 (c) A violation of this section includes the failure of the operator
31 of a motor vehicle or motorcycle to comply with subsection (a) or subsection
32 (b) of this section while operating the motor vehicle or motorcycle upon:

33 (1) A public road, street, or highway;

34 (2) Private or public property open to the general public; or

35 (3) A private or public road, driveway, or parking lot belonging
36 to a kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private or public school.



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