

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-705, which relates to meeting or overtaking a stopped school bus; allowing school districts to install cameras on school bus stop-arms; authorizing fines for violations to be paid to school districts; requiring certain length of time for violator to review evidence; defining term; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-705, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-705. A. The driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking a school bus that is stopped to take on or discharge school children, and on which the red loading signals are in operation, is to stop the vehicle before it reaches the school bus and not proceed until the loading signals are deactivated and then proceed past such school bus at a speed which is reasonable and with due caution for the safety of such school children and other occupants. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this

1 subsection shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Hundred  
2 Dollars (\$100.00).

3 B. Visual signals, meeting the requirements of Section 12-228  
4 of this title, shall be actuated by the driver of said school bus  
5 whenever, but only whenever, such vehicle is stopped on the highway  
6 for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children.

7 C. The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate  
8 roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is  
9 on a different roadway or when upon a controlled-access highway and  
10 the school bus is stopped in a loading zone which is a part of or  
11 adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to  
12 cross the roadway.

13 D. If the driver of a school bus witnesses a violation of the  
14 provisions of subsection A of this section, within twenty-four (24)  
15 hours of the alleged offense, the driver shall report the violation,  
16 the vehicle color, license tag number, and the time and place such  
17 violation occurred to the law enforcement authority of the  
18 municipality where the violation occurred. The law enforcement  
19 authority of a municipality shall issue a letter of warning on the  
20 alleged violation to the person in whose name the vehicle is  
21 registered. The Office of the Attorney General shall provide a form  
22 letter to each municipal law enforcement agency in this state for  
23 the issuance of the warning provided for in this subsection. Such  
24 form letter shall be used by each such law enforcement agency in the

1 exact form provided for by the Office of the Attorney General. A  
2 warning letter issued pursuant to this subsection shall not be  
3 recorded on the driving record of the person to whom such letter was  
4 issued. Issuance of a warning letter pursuant to this section shall  
5 not preclude the imposition of other penalties as provided by law.

6 E. 1. A school district may install and operate a video-  
7 monitoring system in or on the school buses operated by the district  
8 or contract with a private vendor to do so on behalf of the school  
9 district for the purpose of recording violations of subsection A of  
10 this section. If a citation is issued for violation of this section  
11 the person who receives the citation shall have at least thirty (30)  
12 business days from the date of the issuance of the citation to  
13 inspect information collected by a video-monitoring system in  
14 connection with the violation.

15 2. For the purposes of this subsection, "video-monitoring  
16 system" means a system with one or more camera sensors and computers  
17 installed and operated on a school bus that produces live digital  
18 and recorded video of motor vehicles being operated in violation of  
19 this section. The system shall, at a minimum, produce a recorded  
20 image of the license plate of the vehicle and shall record the  
21 activation status of at least one warning device as prescribed in  
22 Section 12-228 of this title and the time, date and location of the  
23 vehicle when the image is recorded.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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