

House Bill 518

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 duty of a driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking a school bus, reporting of violations, and  
3 enforcement, so as to require additional activation of amber flasher lights on a school bus  
4 before and after a school bus stop; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective  
5 date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the duty of a  
9 driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking a school bus, reporting of violations, and  
10 enforcement, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

11 "(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the driver of a vehicle  
12 meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped on the highway shall  
13 stop before reaching such school bus when there are in operation on the school bus the  
14 visual signals as specified in Code Sections 40-8-111 and 40-8-115, and such driver shall  
15 not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer  
16 actuated.

17 (2) A school bus driver shall activate the school bus's amber flasher lights not less than  
18 200 feet from both sides of a designated school bus stop when the driver of the school bus  
19 is anticipating stopping for the purpose of allowing a school child to board the bus or is  
20 moving away from a designated school bus stop. The driver of a vehicle meeting or  
21 overtaking from either direction any school bus when its amber flasher lights are in  
22 operation shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion and the amber lights are  
23 no longer activated or flashing."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013, and shall apply to offenses committed on  
26 or after such date.

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.