House Bill 409 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

To amend Titles 20 and 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education 1 and motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide suggested standards for the 2 3 establishment of school bus routes; to provide for a definition; to provide for state charter 4 schools to hire employees of education service providers; to provide for the ability of 5 governing boards to dismiss such employees; to provide for governing boards' responsibility 6 for such employees' actions; to enhance the penalties for meeting or overtaking a school bus; 7 to provide for notification to insurance carriers upon issuance of a second or subsequent civil 8 monetary penalty for such violations; to provide for submission of contact information for 9 motor vehicle insurers; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal 10 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:
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### **SECTION 1.**

13 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Addy's Law."

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14	SECTION 2.
15	Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, is amended by
16	adding a new Code section to read as follows:
17	″ <u>20-2-1128.</u>
18	In establishing routes for school buses, a public school system shall consider routes that do
19	not have stops requiring a student entering the school bus to cross a roadway with a speed
20	limit of 40 miles per hour or greater."
21	SECTION 3.
22	Said title is further amended in Article 31A of Chapter 2, relating to state charter schools, by
23	adding a new subsection to Code Section 20-2-2084, relating to petition for charter schools,
24	requirements of school, governing board membership, annual training, and simultaneous
25	service prohibited, to read as follows:
26	"(h)(1) As used in this subsection, the term 'education service provider' means any
27	organization that contracts with new or existing charter schools to provide services
28	including, but not limited to, curriculum design, professional development, student
29	assessments, financial and operational management, facilities management, human
30	resources management, or employee benefits.
31	(2) A state charter school may utilize teachers, other instructional staff, and
32	noninstructional staff who are employees of an education service provider only if the
33	governing board of such state charter school retains the authority to select and dismiss
34	such teachers, other instructional staff, and noninstructional staff from service at the state
35	charter school.
36	(3) The governing board of a state charter school shall remain responsible and
37	accountable for all operations, compliance, and performance of any employees of an
38	education service provider utilized by such state charter school."

**SECTION 4.** 

Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
amended in Code Section 40-2-137, relating to notice of insurance coverage and termination,
lapses in insurance coverage, and insurance coverage for active duty military personnel, by
revising subparagraph (b)(1)(A) as follows:

44 (b)(1)(A) For purposes of aiding in the enforcement of the requirement of minimum 45 motor vehicle liability insurance, any insurer issuing or renewing in this state any 46 policy of motor vehicle liability insurance required by Chapter 34 of Title 33 other than 47 a fleet policy shall within 30 days after the date the insurance agent binds the coverage 48 or on the date such coverage was renewed, whichever is applicable, provide notice of 49 such insurance coverage by electronic transmission to the department; except that once coverage data has been electronically transmitted to the department, there shall be no 50 51 requirement to report on subsequent renewals of that coverage. Insurance coverage 52 information included in such notice of issue or renewal shall be limited exclusively to 53 name and contact information of insurer; vehicle identification number; the make and 54 year of the insured motor vehicle; and policy effective date. The department shall not 55 require the policy limits to be disclosed for purposes of this subparagraph. For the 56 purposes of this Code section, the vehicle identification number shall be the vehicle 57 identification number as that number is shown in the records of the department. For the 58 purposes of this Code section, the Commissioner of Insurance shall furnish such notices 59 to the department upon issuance of a certificate of self-insurance."

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#### **SECTION 5.**

Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-163, relating to duty of driver of vehicle
meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for
violations captured by school bus camera, by revising subsection (a), subparagraph (d)(3)(A),
and paragraph (4) of subsection (d) as follows:

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65 "(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the driver of a vehicle 66 meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped on the highway shall 67 stop before reaching such school bus when there are in operation on the school bus the 68 visual signals as specified in Code Sections 40-8-111 and 40-8-115, and such driver shall 69 not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer 70 actuated. A violation of this subsection for which a driver has been issued a uniform traffic 71 citation shall be punished as for a high and aggravated misdemeanor and upon conviction 72 thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or by confinement for not 73 more than 12 months, or both."

74 "(A) The owner of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty to the
75 governing body of the law enforcement agency provided for in subparagraph (B) of this
76 paragraph if such vehicle is found, as evidenced by recorded images, to have been
77 operated in disregard or disobedience of subsection (a) of this Code section and such
78 disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law. The amount of such
79 civil monetary penalty shall be \$250.00 \$1,000.00;"

80 ''(4) A violation for which a civil penalty is imposed pursuant to this subsection shall not 81 be considered a moving traffic violation for the purpose of points assessment under Code 82 Section 40-5-57. Such violation shall be deemed noncriminal, and imposition of a civil 83 penalty pursuant to this subsection shall not be deemed a conviction and shall not be 84 made a part of the operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed. 85 nor shall it be used for any insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance 86 coverage; provided, however, that upon any second or subsequent violation in the same 87 jurisdiction, the law enforcement agency shall request insurance coverage information for such owner from the Department of Revenue and send notice of the violations to the 88 insurance carrier of such owner." 89

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# **SECTION 6.**

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