

House Bill 301

By: Representatives Ridley of the 6th, Smith of the 18th, Collins of the 71st, Rhodes of the 124th, Burchett of the 176th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and
2 traffic, so as to revise the amount of civil monetary penalty for violations of improperly
3 passing a school bus and speeding in a school zone when captured by cameras; to restrict
4 other additional fines, fees, penalties, or charges; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is
9 amended in Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil
11 monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, by revising
12 subparagraph (d)(3)(A) as follows:

13 "(A) The owner of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty to the
14 governing body of the law enforcement agency provided for in subparagraph (B) of this
15 paragraph if such vehicle is found, as evidenced by recorded images, to have been
16 operated in disregard or disobedience of subsection (a) of this Code section and such

17 disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law. The amount of such
18 civil monetary penalty shall be ~~\$250.00~~ \$10.00, and no other additional fines, fees,
19 penalties, or charges shall be authorized;"

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-14-18, relating to enforcement of speed limit
22 in school zones with recorded images, civil monetary penalty, and vehicle registration and
23 transfer of title restrictions for failure to pay penalty, by revising paragraph (1) of
24 subsection (b) as follows:

25 "(1) The owner of a motor vehicle shall be liable for a civil monetary penalty to the
26 governing body of the law enforcement agency provided for in paragraph (2) of this
27 subsection if such vehicle is found, as evidenced by photographically recorded images,
28 to have been operated in disregard or disobedience of the speed limit within any school
29 zone and such disregard or disobedience was not otherwise authorized by law. The
30 amount of such civil monetary penalty shall be ~~\$75.00~~ \$10.00 for a first violation and
31 ~~\$125.00~~ \$20.00 for a second or any subsequent violation, in addition to fees associated
32 with the electronic processing of such civil monetary penalty which shall not exceed
33 ~~\$25.00~~ \$2.00, and no other additional fines, fees, penalties, or charges shall be
34 authorized; provided, however, that for a period of 30 days after the first automated
35 traffic enforcement safety device is introduced by a law enforcement agency within a
36 school zone, the driver of a motor vehicle shall not be liable for a civil monetary penalty
37 but shall be issued a civil warning for disregard or disobedience of the speed limit within
38 the school zone;"

39 **SECTION 3.**

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