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A BILL

To enact section 4511.773 of the Revised Code to 1
authorize the installation of protective 2
barriers in school buses, to require the 3
Director of Public Safety to adopt rules related 4
to the barriers, and to declare an emergency. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4511.773 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 4511.773. (A) As used in this section, "owner" means 8
a person, school board, governing body, governing authority, or 9
governmental entity. 10

(B) (1) An owner of a school bus may install a protective 11
barrier around or near the operator's seat of the school bus for 12
purposes of providing protection to the operator from infectious 13
diseases. The owner shall install the barrier in accordance with 14
the rules adopted under division (C) of this section. 15

(2) As part of the equipment inspection required under 16
section 4511.761 of the Revised Code, the state highway patrol 17
may inspect any protective barrier installed in a school bus to 18
ensure that the barrier complies with the rules adopted under 19

division (C) of this section. 20

(C) The director of public safety, by and with the advice 21
of the superintendent of public instruction, shall adopt and 22
enforce rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised 23
Code relating to the construction, design, and installation of 24
the protective barrier authorized by division (B) of this 25
section. 26

Section 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of 27
this section, but not later than thirty days after that date, 28
the Director of Public Safety shall adopt the rules required 29
under division (C) of section 4511.773 of the Revised Code as 30
emergency rules in accordance with division (G) of section 31
119.03 of the Revised Code. After adoption of the emergency 32
rules, the Director shall adopt permanent rules in accordance 33
with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. 34

Section 3. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency 35
measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public 36
peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that 37
immediate action is crucial to protecting the public health 38
during an outbreak of COVID-19 and any future infectious disease 39
outbreak. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect. 40