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A BILL

To amend sections 4503.03, 4510.036, 4511.62, 1
4511.63, 4511.64, 4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 2
and to enact sections 5.501, 3327.18, and 3 3327.19 of the Revised Code to address school 4
bus and railroad crossing safety, to designate 5
this act as the School Bus Safety Act, and to 6
make an appropriation. 7

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

Section 1. That sections 4503.03, 4510.036, 4511.62, 8
4511.63, 4511.64, 4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 be amended and 9
sections 5.501, 3327.18, and 3327.19 of the Revised Code be 10
enacted to read as follows: 11

Sec. 5.501. The month of August is designated as "School 12
Bus Safety Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of the 13
need to properly stop when a stopped school bus is loading and 14
unloading passengers. 15

Sec. 3327.18. (A) The school bus safety fund is created in 16
the state treasury. The fund shall consist of money appropriated 17



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to it by the general assembly and the criminal fines collected 18
for violations of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised 19
Code. 20

(B) The fund shall be administered by the director of 21
education and workforce. Money in the fund shall be used to make 22
grants to school districts for purposes of improving the safety 23
features on school buses in accordance with section 3327.19 of 24
the Revised Code. Money in the fund also may be used to support 25
the department of education and workforce and the department of 26
public safety in educating the public regarding the laws 27
surrounding school bus safety. 28

(C) All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited 29
to the fund. 30

Sec. 3327.19. (A) As used in this section: 31

(1) "Eligible applicant" means a board of education of a 32
city school district, a local school district, an exempted 33
village school district, a cooperative education school 34
district, or a joint vocational school district, or a governing 35
board of an educational service center. 36

(2) "School bus safety feature" means any of the 37
following: 38

(a) External school bus cameras; 39

(b) Crossing arms; 40

(c) Lane departure warning systems; 41

(d) Electronic stability control; 42

(e) Lighted crossover mirrors; 43

(f) Colorado rack test-approved bus frames; 44

<u>(g) Fully illuminated stop arms located at the front and rear of a school bus;</u>	45 46
<u>(h) Fully illuminated "school bus" signs;</u>	47
<u>(i) Collision avoidance systems;</u>	48
<u>(j) All light-emitting diode lights;</u>	49
<u>(k) Ground wash lights;</u>	50
<u>(l) Reflective chevron;</u>	51
<u>(m) Occupant restraining devices that conform to the school bus seat belt requirements of 49 C.F.R. 571;</u>	52 53
<u>(n) Additional safety features that become available through advancements in technology and that are approved by the department of public safety and the department of education and workforce.</u>	54 55 56 57
<u>(B) The department of education and workforce shall administer a school bus safety grant program. Under the grant program, the department shall award grants to eligible applicants who apply to the department for funding to do any of the following:</u>	58 59 60 61 62
<u>(1) Purchase and install school bus safety features on an eligible applicant's school buses that do not currently have those features installed;</u>	63 64 65
<u>(2) Purchase and install school bus safety features to replace old, broken, or outdated safety features on an eligible applicant's current school buses;</u>	66 67 68
<u>(3) Purchase school bus safety features as additional features to be included on new school buses being purchased by the eligible applicant.</u>	69 70 71

(C) The department shall use the school bus safety fund 72
created under section 3327.18 of the Revised Code to provide 73
grants to eligible applicants in accordance with this section. 74

(D) The director of education and workforce shall 75
establish any procedures and requirements necessary to 76
administer this section, including procedures and requirements 77
governing the form of grant applications and grant award 78
processes and amounts. 79

(E) An eligible applicant that receives a grant under this 80
section shall do both of the following: 81

(1) Use the funds only for the purchase and installation 82
of school bus safety features; 83

(2) Spend any grant funds awarded not later than two years 84
after the date the funds are distributed to the eligible 85
applicant. 86

Sec. 4503.03. (A) (1) (a) Except as provided in division (B) 87
of this section, the registrar of motor vehicles may designate 88
one or more of the following persons to act as a deputy 89
registrar in each county: 90

(i) The county auditor in any county; 91

(ii) The clerk of a court of common pleas in any county; 92

(iii) An individual; 93

(iv) A nonprofit corporation as defined in division (C) of 94
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 95

All fees collected and retained by a clerk for conducting 96
deputy registrar services shall be paid into the county treasury 97
to the credit of the certificate of title administration fund 98

created under section 325.33 of the Revised Code. 99

(b) As part of the selection process in awarding a deputy registrar contract, the registrar shall consider the customer service performance record of any person previously awarded a deputy registrar contract pursuant to division (A) (1) of this section. 100
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(2) Deputy registrars shall accept applications for the annual license tax for any vehicle not taxed under section 4503.63 of the Revised Code and shall assign distinctive numbers in the same manner as the registrar. Such deputies shall be located in such locations as the registrar sees fit. Except as provided in division (A) (3) of this section, there shall be at least one deputy registrar in each county. 105
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(3) The registrar need not appoint a deputy registrar in a county to which all of the following apply: 112
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(a) No individual, nonprofit corporation, or, where applicable, clerk of court of common pleas participates in the competitive selection process to be designated as a deputy registrar; 114
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(b) Neither the county auditor nor the clerk of court of common pleas agrees to be designated as a deputy registrar; 118
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(c) No individual or nonprofit corporation agrees to be designated as a deputy registrar; 120
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(d) No deputy registrar operating an existing deputy registrar agency in another county agrees to be designated as the deputy registrar for that county. 122
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(4) The registrar may reestablish a deputy registrar in any county without a deputy registrar if any of the following 125
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apply:	127
(a) The county auditor requests to be designated as a deputy registrar;	128 129
(b) The clerk of court of common pleas requests to be designated as a deputy registrar;	130 131
(c) A deputy registrar operating an existing deputy registrar agency in another county requests to be designated as a deputy registrar for that county;	132 133 134
(d) A qualified individual or nonprofit corporation requests to be designated as a deputy registrar. In the event that two or more qualified individuals, nonprofit corporations, or a combination thereof, request to be designated as a deputy registrar, the registrar may make the designation through the competitive selection process.	135 136 137 138 139 140
Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code.	141 142
(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member of the person's immediate family has made, within the current calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years, one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division, "immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any political party and any "continuing association" as defined in division (C) (4) of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code or "political action committee" as defined in division (C) (8) of	143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155

that section that is primarily associated with that political 156
party. For purposes of this division, contributions to any 157
continuing association or any political action committee that is 158
primarily associated with a political party shall be aggregated 159
with contributions to that political party. 160

The contribution limitations contained in this division do 161
not apply to any county auditor or clerk of a court of common 162
pleas. A county auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas is 163
not required to file the disclosure statement or pay the filing 164
fee required under section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. The 165
limitations of this division also do not apply to a deputy 166
registrar who, subsequent to being awarded a deputy registrar 167
contract, is elected to an office of a political subdivision. 168

(2) The registrar shall not designate either of the 169
following to act as a deputy registrar: 170

(a) Any elected public official other than a county 171
auditor or, as authorized by division (A) (1) of this section, a 172
clerk of a court of common pleas, acting in an official 173
capacity, except that, the registrar shall continue and may 174
renew a contract with any deputy registrar who, subsequent to 175
being awarded a deputy registrar contract, is elected to an 176
office of a political subdivision; 177

(b) Any person holding a current, valid contract to 178
conduct motor vehicle inspections under section 3704.14 of the 179
Revised Code. 180

(3) As used in division (B) of this section, "political 181
subdivision" has the same meaning as in section 3501.01 of the 182
Revised Code. 183

(C) (1) Except as provided in division (C) (2) of this 184

section, deputy registrars are independent contractors and 185
neither they nor their employees are employees of this state, 186
except that nothing in this section shall affect the status of 187
county auditors or clerks of courts of common pleas as public 188
officials, nor the status of their employees as employees of any 189
of the counties of this state, which are political subdivisions 190
of this state. Each deputy registrar shall be responsible for 191
the payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all 192
workers' compensation premiums, social security contributions, 193
and any and all taxes for which the deputy registrar is legally 194
responsible. Each deputy registrar shall comply with all 195
applicable federal, state, and local laws requiring the 196
withholding of income taxes or other taxes from the compensation 197
of the deputy registrar's employees. Each deputy registrar shall 198
maintain during the entire term of the deputy registrar's 199
contract a policy of business liability insurance satisfactory 200
to the registrar and shall hold the department of public safety, 201
the director of public safety, the bureau of motor vehicles, and 202
the registrar harmless upon any and all claims for damages 203
arising out of the operation of the deputy registrar agency. 204

(2) For purposes of Chapter 4141. of the Revised Code, 205
determinations concerning the employment of deputy registrars 206
and their employees shall be made under Chapter 4141. of the 207
Revised Code. 208

(D) (1) With the approval of the director, the registrar 209
shall adopt rules governing deputy registrars. The rules shall 210
do all of the following: 211

(a) Establish requirements governing the terms of the 212
contract between the registrar and each deputy registrar and the 213
services to be performed; 214

(b) Establish requirements governing the amount of bond to be given as provided in this section;	215 216
(c) Establish requirements governing the size and location of the deputy's office;	217 218
(d) Establish requirements governing the leasing of equipment necessary to conduct the vision screenings required under section 4507.12 of the Revised Code and training in the use of the equipment;	219 220 221 222
(e) Encourage every deputy registrar to inform the public of the location of the deputy registrar's office and hours of operation by means of public service announcements;	223 224 225
(f) Allow any deputy registrar to advertise in regard to the operation of the deputy registrar's office, including allowing nonprofit corporations operating as a deputy registrar to advertise that a specified amount of proceeds collected by the nonprofit corporation are directed to a specified charitable organization or philanthropic cause;	226 227 228 229 230 231
(g) Specify the hours the deputy's office is to be open to the public and require as a minimum that one deputy's office in each county be open to the public for at least four hours each weekend, provided that if only one deputy's office is located within the boundary of the county seat, that office is the office that shall be open for the four-hour period each weekend;	232 233 234 235 236 237
(h) Specify that every deputy registrar, upon request, provide any person with information about the location and office hours of all deputy registrars in the county;	238 239 240
(i) Allow a deputy registrar contract to be awarded to a nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state;	241 242

(j) Establish procedures for a deputy registrar to request 243
the authority to collect reinstatement fees under sections 244
4507.1612, 4507.45, 4509.101, 4509.81, 4510.10, 4510.22, 245
4510.72, and 4511.191 of the Revised Code and to transmit the 246
reinstatement fees and two dollars of the service fee collected 247
under those sections. The registrar shall ensure that at least 248
one deputy registrar in each county has the necessary equipment 249
and is able to accept reinstatement fees. The registrar shall 250
deposit the service fees received from a deputy registrar under 251
those sections into the public safety - highway purposes fund 252
created in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code and shall use the 253
money for deputy registrar equipment necessary in connection 254
with accepting reinstatement fees. 255

(k) Establish standards for a deputy registrar, when the 256
deputy registrar is not a county auditor or a clerk of a court 257
of common pleas, to sell advertising rights to third party 258
businesses to be placed in the deputy registrar's office; 259

(l) Allow any deputy registrar that is not a county 260
auditor or a clerk of a court of common pleas to operate a 261
vending machine; 262

(m) Specify that each deputy registrar and driver 263
examination location shall display at all times, in a prominent 264
place on the premises, a graphic that instructs drivers to stop 265
and yield to a stopped school bus when it is either loading or 266
unloading passengers. 267

The registrar shall create and issue the graphic for 268
distribution to and display at each deputy registrar and driver 269
examination location. The registrar also shall display the 270
graphic on the bureau of motor vehicle's web site. 271

<u>(n)</u> Establish such other requirements as the registrar and director consider necessary to provide a high level of service.	272 273
(2) The rules may allow both of the following:	274
(a) The registrar to award a contract to a deputy registrar to operate more than one deputy registrar's office if determined by the registrar to be practical;	275 276 277
(b) A nonprofit corporation formed for the purposes of providing automobile-related services to its members or the public and that provides such services from more than one location in this state to operate a deputy registrar office at any location.	278 279 280 281 282
(3) As a daily adjustment, the bureau of motor vehicles shall credit to a deputy registrar the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code for each damaged license plate or validation sticker the deputy registrar replaces as a service to a member of the public.	283 284 285 286 287
(4) (a) With the prior approval of the registrar, each deputy registrar may conduct at the location of the deputy registrar's office any business that is consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar and that is not specifically mandated or authorized by this or another chapter of the Revised Code or by implementing rules of the registrar.	288 289 290 291 292 293
(b) In accordance with guidelines the director of public safety shall establish, a deputy registrar may operate or contract for the operation of a vending machine at a deputy registrar location if products of the vending machine are consistent with the functions of a deputy registrar.	294 295 296 297 298
(c) A deputy registrar may enter into an agreement with the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to	299 300

division (A) (11) of section 5537.04 of the Revised Code for the 301
purpose of allowing the general public to acquire from the 302
deputy registrar the electronic toll collection devices that are 303
used under the multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection 304
agreement between the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure 305
commission and any other entities or agencies that participate 306
in such an agreement. The approval of the registrar is not 307
necessary if a deputy registrar engages in this activity. 308

(5) As used in this section and in section 4507.01 of the 309
Revised Code, "nonprofit corporation" has the same meaning as in 310
section 1702.01 of the Revised Code. 311

(E) (1) Unless otherwise terminated and except for interim 312
contracts lasting not longer than one year, contracts with 313
deputy registrars shall be entered into through a competitive 314
selection process and shall be limited in duration as follows: 315

(a) For contracts entered into between July 1, 1996 and 316
June 29, 2014, for a period of not less than two years, but not 317
more than three years; 318

(b) For contracts entered into on or after June 29, 2014, 319
for a period of five years, unless the registrar determines that 320
a shorter contract term is appropriate for a particular deputy 321
registrar. 322

(2) All contracts with deputy registrars shall expire on 323
the last Saturday of June in the year of their expiration. Prior 324
to the expiration of any deputy registrar contract, the 325
registrar, with the approval of the director, may award a one- 326
year contract extension to any deputy registrar who has provided 327
exemplary service based upon objective performance evaluations. 328

(3) (a) The auditor of state may examine the accounts, 329

reports, systems, and other data of each deputy registrar at 330
least every two years. The registrar, with the approval of the 331
director, shall immediately remove a deputy who violates any 332
provision of the Revised Code related to the duties as a deputy, 333
any rule adopted by the registrar, or a term of the deputy's 334
contract with the registrar. The registrar also may remove a 335
deputy who, in the opinion of the registrar, has engaged in any 336
conduct that is either unbecoming to one representing this state 337
or is inconsistent with the efficient operation of the deputy's 338
office. 339

(b) If the registrar, with the approval of the director, 340
determines that there is good cause to believe that a deputy 341
registrar or a person proposing for a deputy registrar contract 342
has engaged in any conduct that would require the denial or 343
termination of the deputy registrar contract, the registrar may 344
require the production of books, records, and papers as the 345
registrar determines are necessary, and may take the depositions 346
of witnesses residing within or outside the state in the same 347
manner as is prescribed by law for the taking of depositions in 348
civil actions in the court of common pleas, and for that purpose 349
the registrar may issue a subpoena for any witness or a subpoena 350
duces tecum to compel the production of any books, records, or 351
papers, directed to the sheriff of the county where the witness 352
resides or is found. Such a subpoena shall be served and 353
returned in the same manner as a subpoena in a criminal case is 354
served and returned. The fees of the sheriff shall be the same 355
as that allowed in the court of common pleas in criminal cases. 356
Witnesses shall be paid the fees and mileage provided for under 357
section 119.094 of the Revised Code. The fees and mileage shall 358
be paid from the fund in the state treasury for the use of the 359
agency in the same manner as other expenses of the agency are 360

paid. 361

In any case of disobedience or neglect of any subpoena 362
served on any person or the refusal of any witness to testify to 363
any matter regarding which the witness lawfully may be 364
interrogated, the court of common pleas of any county where the 365
disobedience, neglect, or refusal occurs or any judge of that 366
court, on application by the registrar, shall compel obedience 367
by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of 368
disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from that 369
court, or a refusal to testify in that court. 370

(4) Nothing in division (E) of this section shall be 371
construed to require a hearing of any nature prior to the 372
termination of any deputy registrar contract by the registrar, 373
with the approval of the director, for cause. 374

(F) Except as provided in section 2743.03 of the Revised 375
Code, no court, other than the court of common pleas of Franklin 376
county, has jurisdiction of any action against the department of 377
public safety, the director, the bureau, or the registrar to 378
restrain the exercise of any power or authority, or to entertain 379
any action for declaratory judgment, in the selection and 380
appointment of, or contracting with, deputy registrars. Neither 381
the department, the director, the bureau, nor the registrar is 382
liable in any action at law for damages sustained by any person 383
because of any acts of the department, the director, the bureau, 384
or the registrar, or of any employee of the department or 385
bureau, in the performance of official duties in the selection 386
and appointment of, and contracting with, deputy registrars. 387

(G) The registrar shall assign to each deputy registrar a 388
series of numbers sufficient to supply the demand at all times 389
in the area the deputy registrar serves, and the registrar shall 390

keep a record in the registrar's office of the numbers within 391
the series assigned. Except as otherwise provided in section 392
3.061 of the Revised Code, each deputy shall be required to give 393
bond in the amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars, or 394
in such higher amount as the registrar determines necessary, 395
based on a uniform schedule of bond amounts established by the 396
registrar and determined by the volume of registrations handled 397
by the deputy. The form of the bond shall be prescribed by the 398
registrar. The bonds required of deputy registrars, in the 399
discretion of the registrar, may be individual or schedule bonds 400
or may be included in any blanket bond coverage carried by the 401
department. 402

(H) Each deputy registrar shall keep a file of each 403
application received by the deputy and shall register that motor 404
vehicle with the name and address of its owner. 405

(I) Upon request, a deputy registrar shall make the 406
physical inspection of a motor vehicle and issue the physical 407
inspection certificate required in section 4505.061 of the 408
Revised Code. 409

(J) Each deputy registrar shall file a report semiannually 410
with the registrar of motor vehicles listing the number of 411
applicants for licenses the deputy has served, the number of 412
voter registration applications the deputy has completed and 413
transmitted to the board of elections, and the number of voter 414
registration applications declined. 415

Sec. 4510.036. (A) The bureau of motor vehicles shall 416
record within ten days of conviction or bail forfeiture and 417
shall keep at its main office, all abstracts received under this 418
section or section 4510.03, 4510.031, 4510.032, or 4510.034 of 419
the Revised Code and shall maintain records of convictions and 420

bond forfeitures for any violation of a state law or a municipal ordinance regulating the operation of vehicles, streetcars, and trackless trolleys on highways and streets, except a violation related to parking a motor vehicle.

(B) Every court of record or mayor's court before which a person is charged with a violation for which points are chargeable by this section shall assess and transcribe to the abstract of conviction that is furnished by the bureau to the court the number of points chargeable by this section in the correct space assigned on the reporting form. A United States district court that has jurisdiction within this state and before which a person is charged with a violation for which points are chargeable by this section may assess and transcribe to the abstract of conviction report that is furnished by the bureau the number of points chargeable by this section in the correct space assigned on the reporting form. If the federal court so assesses and transcribes the points chargeable for the offense and furnishes the report to the bureau, the bureau shall record the points in the same manner as those assessed and transcribed by a court of record or mayor's court.

(C) A court shall assess the following points for an offense based on the following formula:

(1) Aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular homicide, vehicular manslaughter, aggravated vehicular assault, or vehicular assault when the offense involves the operation of a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley on a highway or street _____ 6 points

(2) A violation of section 2921.331 of the Revised Code or any ordinance prohibiting the willful fleeing or eluding of a law enforcement officer _____ 6 points

(3) A violation of section 4549.02 or 4549.021 of the Revised Code or any ordinance requiring the driver of a vehicle to stop and disclose identity at the scene of an accident _____ 6 points

(4) A violation of section 4511.251 of the Revised Code or any ordinance prohibiting street racing, stunt driving, or street takeover _____ 6 points

(5) A violation of section 4510.037 of the Revised Code or any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while the driver's or commercial driver's license is under a twelve-point suspension _____ 6 points

(6) A violation of section 4510.14 of the Revised Code, or any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle upon the public roads or highways within this state while the driver's or commercial driver's license of the person is under suspension and the suspension was imposed under section 4511.19, 4511.191, or 4511.196 of the Revised Code or section 4510.07 of the Revised Code due to a conviction for a violation of a municipal OVI ordinance or any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while the driver's or commercial driver's license is under suspension for an OVI offense _____ 6 points

(7) A violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse, or a combination of them, or any ordinance substantially equivalent to division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code prohibiting the operation of a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol, a controlled substance, or a metabolite of a controlled substance in the whole blood, blood

serum or plasma, breath, or urine _____ 6 points	481
(8) A violation of section 2913.03 of the Revised Code	482
that does not involve an aircraft or motorboat or any ordinance	483
prohibiting the operation of a vehicle without the consent of	484
the owner _____ 6 points	485
(9) Any offense under the motor vehicle laws of this state	486
that is a felony, or any other felony in the commission of which	487
a motor vehicle was used _____ 6 points	488
(10) A violation of division (B) of section 4511.19 of the	489
Revised Code or any ordinance substantially equivalent to that	490
division prohibiting the operation of a vehicle with a	491
prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood	492
serum or plasma, breath, or urine _____ 4 points	493
(11) A violation of section 4511.20 of the Revised Code or	494
any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle in	495
willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property	496
_____ 4 points	497
(12) A violation of any law or ordinance pertaining to	498
speed:	499
(a) Notwithstanding divisions (C) (12) (b) and (c) of this	500
section, when the speed exceeds the lawful speed limit by thirty	501
miles per hour or more _____ 4 points	502
(b) When the speed exceeds the lawful speed limit of	503
fifty-five miles per hour or more by more than ten miles per	504
hour _____ 2 points	505
(c) When the speed exceeds the lawful speed limit of less	506
than fifty-five miles per hour by more than five miles per hour	507
_____ 2 points	508

(d) When the speed does not exceed the amounts set forth	509
in divisions (C) (12) (a), (b), or (c) of this section _____	510
0 points	511
(13) A violation of division (A) of section 4511.204 of	512
the Revised Code or any substantially similar municipal	513
ordinance:	514
(a) For a first offense within any two-year period	515
_____ 2 points	516
(b) For a second offense within any two-year period	517
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(c) For a third or subsequent offense within any two-year	519
period _____ 4 points.	520
(14) <u>A violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the</u>	521
<u>Revised Code:</u>	522
(a) <u>For a first offense within any five-year period</u>	523
<u>2 points</u>	524
(b) <u>For a second or subsequent offense within any five-</u>	525
<u>year period _____ 4 points.</u>	526
(15) <u>Operating a motor vehicle in violation of a</u>	527
<u>restriction imposed by the registrar _____ 2 points</u>	528
(15) <u>(16) A violation of section 4510.11, 4510.111,</u>	529
<u>4510.16, or 4510.21 of the Revised Code or any ordinance</u>	530
<u>prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while the driver's</u>	531
<u>or commercial driver's license is under suspension _____ 2</u>	532
<u>points</u>	533
(16) <u>(17) With the exception of violations under section</u>	534
<u>4510.12 of the Revised Code where no points shall be assessed,</u>	535

all other moving violations reported under this section 536
_____ 2 points 537

(D) Upon receiving notification from the proper court, 538
including a United States district court that has jurisdiction 539
within this state, the bureau shall delete any points entered 540
for a bond forfeiture if the driver is acquitted of the offense 541
for which bond was posted. 542

(E) If a person is convicted of or forfeits bail for two 543
or more offenses arising out of the same facts and points are 544
chargeable for each of the offenses, points shall be charged for 545
only the conviction or bond forfeiture for which the greater 546
number of points is chargeable, and, if the number of points 547
chargeable for each offense is equal, only one offense shall be 548
recorded, and points shall be charged only for that offense. 549

Sec. 4511.62. (A) (1) Whenever any person driving a vehicle 550
or trackless trolley approaches a railroad grade crossing, the 551
person shall stop within fifty feet, but not less than fifteen 552
feet from the nearest rail of the railroad if any of the 553
following circumstances exist at the crossing: 554

(a) A clearly visible electric or mechanical signal device 555
gives warning of the immediate approach of a train or other on- 556
track equipment. 557

(b) A crossing gate is lowered. 558

(c) A flagperson gives or continues to give a signal of 559
the approach or passage of a train or other on-track equipment. 560

(d) There is insufficient space on the other side of the 561
railroad grade crossing to accommodate the vehicle or trackless 562
trolley the person is operating without obstructing the passage 563
of other vehicles, trackless trolleys, pedestrians, or railroad 564

trains, notwithstanding any traffic control signal indication to proceed. 565
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(e) An approaching train is emitting an audible signal or is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing. 567
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(f) There is insufficient undercarriage clearance to safely negotiate the crossing. 570
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(g) There is insufficient space on the other side of the railroad grade crossing to accommodate the vehicle or trackless trolley the person is operating without obstructing the passage of other on-track equipment. 572
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(h) Approaching on-track equipment is emitting an audible signal or is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the crossing. 576
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~~(2)~~ (2) (a) A person who is driving a vehicle or trackless trolley and who approaches a railroad grade crossing shall not proceed as long as any of the circumstances described in divisions (A) (1) (a) to (f) of this section exist at the crossing. 579
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(b) A person who is driving a vehicle or trackless trolley and who approaches a railroad grade crossing shall not recklessly proceed as long as any of the circumstances described in division (A) (1) (g) or (h) of this section exist at the crossing. 584
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(B) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while the gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed unless the person is signaled by a law enforcement officer or flagperson that it is permissible to do so. 589
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~~(C)~~(C) (1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a 594
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 595

(2) In lieu of a fine or jail term for a violation of this 596
section, a court may instead order the offender to attend and 597
successfully complete a remedial safety training or presentation 598
regarding rail safety that is offered by an authorized and 599
qualified organization that is selected by the court. The 600
offender shall complete the presentation within a time frame 601
determined by the court, not to exceed one hundred eighty days 602
after the court issues the order. The offender shall notify the 603
court of the successful completion of the presentation. When the 604
offender notifies the court of the successful completion of the 605
presentation, the court shall waive any fine or jail term that 606
it otherwise would have imposed for a violation of this section. 607

Sec. 4511.63. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of 608
this section, the operator of any bus, any school vehicle, or 609
any vehicle transporting a material or materials required to be 610
placarded under 49 C.F.R. Parts 100-185, before crossing at 611
grade any track of a railroad, shall stop the vehicle and, while 612
so stopped, shall listen through an open door or open window and 613
look in both directions along the track for any approaching 614
train or other on-track equipment, and for signals indicating 615
the approach of a train or other on-track equipment, and shall 616
proceed only upon exercising due care after stopping, looking, 617
and listening as required by this section. Upon proceeding, the 618
operator of such a vehicle shall cross only in a gear that will 619
ensure there will be no necessity for changing gears while 620
traversing the crossing and shall not shift gears while crossing 621
the tracks. 622

(B) This section does not apply at grade crossings when 623

the public utilities commission has authorized and approved an 624
exempt crossing as provided in this division. 625

(1) Any local authority may file an application with the 626
commission requesting the approval of an exempt crossing. Upon 627
receipt of such a request, the commission shall authorize a 628
limited period for the filing of comments by any party regarding 629
the application and then shall conduct a public hearing in the 630
community seeking the exempt crossing designation. The 631
commission shall provide appropriate prior public notice of the 632
comment period and the public hearing. By registered mail, the 633
commission shall notify each railroad operating over the 634
crossing of the comment period. 635

(2) After considering any comments or other information 636
received, the commission may approve or reject the application. 637
By order, the commission may establish conditions for the exempt 638
crossing designation, including compliance with division (b) of 639
49 C.F.R. Part 392.10, when applicable. An exempt crossing 640
designation becomes effective only when appropriate signs giving 641
notice of the exempt designation are erected at the crossing as 642
ordered by the commission and any other conditions ordered by 643
the commission are satisfied. 644

(3) By order, the commission may rescind any exempt 645
crossing designation made under this section if the commission 646
finds that a condition at the exempt crossing has changed to 647
such an extent that the continuation of the exempt crossing 648
designation compromises public safety. The commission may 649
conduct a public hearing to investigate and determine whether to 650
rescind the exempt crossing designation. If the commission 651
rescinds the designation, it shall order the removal of any 652
exempt crossing signs and may make any other necessary order. 653

(C) As used in this section: 654

(1) "School vehicle" means any vehicle used for the 655
transportation of pupils to and from a school or school-related 656
function if the vehicle is owned or operated by, or operated 657
under contract with, a public or nonpublic school. 658

(2) "Bus" means any vehicle originally designed by its 659
manufacturer to transport sixteen or more passengers, including 660
the driver, or carries sixteen or more passengers, including the 661
driver. 662

(3) "Exempt crossing" means a highway rail grade crossing 663
authorized and approved by the public utilities commission under 664
division (B) of this section at which vehicles may cross without 665
making the stop otherwise required by this section. 666

(D) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 667
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the 668
offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to 669
one or more violations of this section or section 4511.76, 670
4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77, or 4511.79 of the Revised 671
Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to 672
any of those sections, whoever violates this section is guilty 673
of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 674

Sec. 4511.64. (A) No person shall operate or move any 675
crawler-type tractor, steam shovel, derrick, roller, or any 676
equipment or structure having a normal operating speed of six or 677
less miles per hour or a vertical body or load clearance of less 678
than nine inches above the level surface of a roadway, upon or 679
across any tracks at a railroad grade crossing without first 680
complying with divisions (A) (1) and (2) of this section. 681

(1) Before making any such crossing, the person operating 682

or moving any such vehicle or equipment shall first stop the 683
same, and while stopped the person shall listen and look in both 684
directions along such track for any approaching train or other 685
on-track equipment and for signals indicating the approach of a 686
train or other on-track equipment, and shall proceed only upon 687
exercising due care. 688

(2) No such crossing shall be made when warning is given 689
by automatic signal or crossing gates or a flagperson or 690
otherwise of the immediate approach of a railroad train or car_ 691
or other on-track equipment. 692

(B) If the normal sustained speed of such vehicle, 693
equipment, or structure is not more than three miles per hour, 694
the person owning, operating, or moving the same shall also give 695
notice of such intended crossing to a station agent or 696
superintendent of the railroad, and a reasonable time shall be 697
given to such railroad to provide proper protection for such 698
crossing. Where such vehicles or equipment are being used in 699
constructing or repairing a section of highway lying on both 700
sides of a railroad grade crossing, and in such construction or 701
repair it is necessary to repeatedly move such vehicles or 702
equipment over such crossing, one daily notice specifying when 703
such work will start and stating the hours during which it will 704
be prosecuted is sufficient. 705

(C) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 706
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If, 707
within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been 708
convicted of or pleaded guilty to one predicate motor vehicle or 709
traffic offense, whoever violates this section is guilty of a 710
misdemeanor of the fourth degree. If, within one year of the 711
offense, the offender previously has been convicted of two or 712

more predicate motor vehicle or traffic offenses, whoever 713
violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third 714
degree. 715

If the offender commits the offense while distracted and 716
the distracting activity is a contributing factor to the 717
commission of the offense, the offender is subject to the 718
additional fine established under section 4511.991 of the 719
Revised Code. 720

Sec. 4511.75. ~~(A)~~ (A)(1) The driver of a vehicle, 721
streetcar, or trackless trolley upon meeting or overtaking from 722
either direction any school bus stopped for the purpose of 723
receiving or discharging any school child, person attending 724
programs offered by community boards of mental health and county 725
boards of developmental disabilities, or child attending a 726
program offered by a head start agency, shall stop at least ten 727
feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not 728
proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled 729
by the school bus driver or a law enforcement officer to 730
proceed. 731

(2) It is no defense to a charge under ~~this~~ division (A) 732
(1) of this section that the school bus involved failed to 733
display or be equipped with an automatically extended stop 734
warning sign as required by division (B) of this section. 735

(B) Every school bus shall be equipped with amber and red 736
visual signals meeting the requirements of section 4511.771 of 737
the Revised Code, and an automatically extended stop warning 738
sign of a type approved by the department of education and 739
workforce, which shall be actuated by the driver of the bus 740
whenever but only whenever the bus is stopped or stopping on the 741
roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school 742

children, persons attending programs offered by community boards 743
of mental health and county boards of developmental 744
disabilities, or children attending programs offered by head 745
start agencies. A school bus driver shall not actuate the visual 746
signals or the stop warning sign in designated school bus 747
loading areas where the bus is entirely off the roadway or at 748
school buildings when children or persons attending programs 749
offered by community boards of mental health and county boards 750
of developmental disabilities are loading or unloading at 751
curbside or at buildings when children attending programs 752
offered by head start agencies are loading or unloading at 753
curbside. The visual signals and stop warning sign shall be 754
synchronized or otherwise operated as required by rule of the 755
board. 756

(C) Where a highway has been divided into four or more 757
traffic lanes, a driver of a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless 758
trolley need not stop for a school bus approaching from the 759
opposite direction which has stopped for the purpose of 760
receiving or discharging any school child, persons attending 761
programs offered by community boards of mental health and county 762
boards of developmental disabilities, or children attending 763
programs offered by head start agencies. The driver of any 764
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley overtaking the school 765
bus shall comply with division (A) of this section. 766

(D) School buses operating on divided highways or on 767
highways with four or more traffic lanes shall receive and 768
discharge all school children, persons attending programs 769
offered by community boards of mental health and county boards 770
of developmental disabilities, and children attending programs 771
offered by head start agencies on their residence side of the 772
highway. 773

(E) No school bus driver shall start the driver's bus 774
until after any child, person attending programs offered by 775
community boards of mental health and county boards of 776
developmental disabilities, or child attending a program offered 777
by a head start agency who may have alighted therefrom has 778
reached a place of safety on the child's or person's residence 779
side of the road. 780

~~(F) (1)~~ (F) Whoever violates division (A) of this section 781
may be fined an amount is guilty of passing a stopped school 782
bus, an unclassified misdemeanor. The court, including a mayor's 783
court, shall punish the offender in accordance with divisions 784
(F) (1) to (6) of this section. 785

(1) (a) Except as provided in divisions (F) (1) (b) and (c) 786
of this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine 787
of not to exceed five less than two hundred fifty and not more 788
than one thousand dollars. A 789

(b) If, within five years of the violation, the offender 790
has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a prior violation of 791
this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine of 792
not less than three hundred fifty and not more than two thousand 793
dollars. 794

(c) In lieu of the fine range specified in division (F) (1) 795
(a) of this section, the court may impose a fine of one hundred 796
fifty dollars for an offender who has not been convicted of or 797
pleaded guilty to a prior violation of this section if the 798
offender attends and successfully completes the school bus 799
safety course described in division (F) (4) of this section 800
within a time frame specified by the court. 801

(2) A person who is issued a citation for a violation of 802

division (A) of this section is not permitted to enter a written 803
plea of guilty and waive the person's right to contest the 804
citation in a trial but instead must appear in person in the 805
proper court to answer the charge. 806

~~(2) In addition to and independent of any other penalty~~ 807
~~provided by law, the~~ (3) (a) Except as otherwise provided in 808
division (F) (3) (b) of this section, the court or mayor may 809
impose upon ~~an~~ the offender who violates this section a class 810
~~seven~~ six suspension of the offender's driver's license, 811
commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, 812
probationary license, or nonresident operating privilege from 813
the range specified in division ~~(A) (7)~~ (A) (6) of section 4510.02 814
of the Revised Code. ~~When~~ 815

(b) If, within five years of the violation, the offender 816
has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a prior violation of 817
this section, the court shall impose upon the offender a class 818
five suspension of the offender's driver's license, commercial 819
driver's license, temporary instruction permit, probationary 820
license, or nonresident operating privilege from the range 821
specified in division (A) (5) of section 4510.02 of the Revised 822
Code. 823

(c) When a license is suspended under this section, the 824
~~court or mayor~~ shall cause the offender to deliver the license 825
to the court, and the court or clerk of the court immediately 826
shall forward the license to the registrar of motor vehicles, 827
together with notice of the court's action. 828

(4) If, within five years of the violation, the offender 829
has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a prior violation of 830
this section, the court shall require the offender to attend and 831
successfully complete a school bus safety course. The director 832

of public safety shall develop the contents and determine the 833
duration of the course. 834

(5) (a) Except as provided in division (F) (5) (b) of this 835
section, the court shall assess points for the violation in 836
accordance with section 4510.036 of the Revised Code. 837

(b) The court may waive the assessment of points for an 838
offender who has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a 839
prior violation of this section if the offender attends and 840
successfully completes the school bus safety course described in 841
division (F) (4) of this section within a time frame specified by 842
the court. 843

(6) The court may impose any other penalty authorized 844
under sections 2929.21 to 2929.28 of the Revised Code. However, 845
the court shall not impose a fine or a suspension not otherwise 846
specified in division (F) of this section. The court also shall 847
not impose a jail term or community residential sanction. 848

(G) Any fine collected under this section shall be paid to 849
the school bus safety fund created in section 3327.18 of the 850
Revised Code and shall be used for the purposes established 851
under that section. 852

(H) As used in this section: 853

(1) "Head start agency" has the same meaning as in section 854
3301.32 of the Revised Code. 855

(2) "School bus," as used in relation to children who 856
attend a program offered by a head start agency, means a bus 857
that is owned and operated by a head start agency, is equipped 858
with an automatically extended stop warning sign of a type 859
approved by the department, is painted the color and displays 860
the markings described in section 4511.77 of the Revised Code, 861

and is equipped with amber and red visual signals meeting the 862
requirements of section 4511.771 of the Revised Code, 863
irrespective of whether or not the bus has fifteen or more 864
children aboard at any time. "School bus" does not include a van 865
owned and operated by a head start agency, irrespective of its 866
color, lights, or markings. 867

Sec. 4511.751. (A) As used in this section, "license 868
plate" includes, but is not limited to, any temporary motor 869
vehicle license registration issued under section 4503.182 of 870
the Revised Code or similar law of another jurisdiction. 871

(B) When the operator of a school bus believes that a 872
motorist has violated division (A) of section 4511.75 of the 873
Revised Code, the operator shall report the license plate number 874
and a general description of the vehicle and of the operator of 875
the vehicle to the law enforcement agency exercising 876
jurisdiction over the area where the alleged violation occurred. 877
The information contained in the report relating to the license 878
plate number and to the general description of the vehicle and 879
the operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation 880
may be supplied by any person with first-hand knowledge of the 881
information. Information of which the operator of the school bus 882
has first-hand knowledge also may be corroborated by any other 883
person, or an image, images, or video captured by a school bus 884
camera installed pursuant to section 4511.76 of the Revised 885
Code. 886

(C) (1) Upon receipt of the report of the alleged violation 887
of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code, the law 888
enforcement agency shall conduct an investigation to attempt to 889
determine or confirm the identity of the operator of the vehicle 890
at the time of the alleged violation. ~~If~~ 891

(2) If the identity of the operator at the time of the 892
alleged violation is established, the reporting of the license 893
plate number of the vehicle shall establish probable cause for 894
the law enforcement agency to issue a citation for the violation 895
of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code. ~~However,~~ 896
~~if~~ 897

(3) If the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the 898
time of the alleged violation cannot be established, the law 899
enforcement agency shall issue a warning to the owner of the 900
vehicle at the time of the alleged violation, except in the case 901
of a leased or rented vehicle when the warning shall be issued 902
to the lessee at the time of the alleged violation. 903

(4) A law enforcement agency shall not issue a citation in 904
accordance with this section based solely on an image, images, 905
or video captured by a camera installed pursuant to section 906
4511.76 of the Revised Code, but such image, images, or video 907
may corroborate other evidence and a report made in accordance 908
with this section. 909

(D) (1) The registrar of motor vehicles and deputy 910
registrars shall provide access to, at the time of issuing 911
license plates or a driver's license to any person, ~~include with~~ 912
~~the license plate~~ a summary of the following: 913

(a) The requirements of division (A) of section 4511.75 of 914
the Revised Code ~~and the~~; 915

(b) The procedures ~~of~~ and penalty in, division (F) of 916
section 4511.75 of the Revised Code ~~;~~; 917

(c) The process, described in division (B) of this 918
section, that allows any person with first-hand knowledge of a 919
violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code 920

to corroborate the report made by the operator of a school bus. 921

(2) The registrar shall make the summaries required under 922
division (D)(1) of this section available on the bureau of motor 923
vehicles' web site. 924

Sec. 4511.76. (A) The department of public safety, by and 925
with the advice of the department of education and workforce, 926
shall educate the public regarding the laws pertaining to school 927
bus safety and shall adopt and enforce rules relating to the 928
construction, design, and equipment of all school buses both 929
publicly and privately owned and operated in this state, 930
including ~~lighting~~ rules governing both of the following: 931

(1) Lighting equipment required by section 4511.771 of the 932
Revised Code, of all school buses both publicly and privately- 933
owned and operated in this state; 934

(2) School bus camera equipment that captures an image, 935
images, or video solely for purposes of recording a violation of 936
section 4511.75 of the Revised Code. The departments shall not 937
authorize school bus camera equipment to be used for automated 938
enforcement of a violation of section 4511.75 of the Revised 939
Code. 940

(B) The department of education and workforce, by and with 941
the advice of the director of public safety, shall adopt and 942
enforce rules relating to the operation of all vehicles used for 943
pupil transportation. 944

(C) No person shall operate a vehicle used for pupil 945
transportation within this state in violation of the rules of 946
the department of education and workforce or the department of 947
public safety. No person, being the owner thereof or having the 948
supervisory responsibility therefor, shall permit the operation 949

of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state in 950
violation of the rules of the department of education and 951
workforce or the department of public safety. 952

(D) The department of public safety shall adopt and 953
enforce rules relating to the issuance of a license under 954
section 4511.763 of the Revised Code. The rules may relate to 955
the condition of the equipment to be operated; the liability and 956
property damage insurance carried by the applicant; the posting 957
of satisfactory and sufficient bond; and such other rules as the 958
director of public safety determines reasonably necessary for 959
the safety of the pupils to be transported. 960

(E) A chartered nonpublic school or a community school may 961
own and operate, or contract with a vendor that supplies, a 962
vehicle originally designed and manufactured for not more than 963
~~nine-ten~~ passengers, ~~not~~ including the driver, to transport 964
students to and from regularly scheduled school sessions when 965
one of the following applies: 966

(1) A student's school district of residence has declared 967
the transportation of the student impractical pursuant to 968
section 3327.02 of the Revised Code; 969

(2) A student does not live within thirty minutes of the 970
chartered nonpublic school or the community school, as 971
applicable, and the student's school district is not required to 972
transport the student under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code; 973

(3) The governing authority of the chartered nonpublic 974
school or the community school has offered to provide the 975
transportation for its students in lieu of the students being 976
transported by their school district of residence. 977

(F) A school district may own and operate, or contract 978

with a vendor that supplies, a vehicle originally designed and 979
manufactured for not more than ~~nine-ten~~ passengers, ~~not~~ 980
including the driver, to transport students to and from 981
regularly scheduled school sessions, if both of the following 982
apply to the operation of that vehicle: 983

(1) The number of students to be transported is not more 984
than nine; 985

(2) The students attend a chartered nonpublic school or a 986
community school, and the school district regularly transports 987
students to that chartered nonpublic school or that community 988
school. 989

(G) A school district or the governing authority of a 990
chartered nonpublic school or community school that uses a 991
vehicle originally designed and manufactured for not more than 992
~~nine-ten~~ passengers, ~~not~~ including the driver, in accordance 993
with division (E) or (F) of this section, shall ensure that all 994
of the following apply to the operation of that vehicle: 995

(1) A qualified mechanic inspects the vehicle not fewer 996
than two times each year and determines that it is safe for 997
pupil transportation; 998

(2) The driver of the vehicle does not stop on the roadway 999
to load or unload passengers; 1000

(3) The driver of the vehicle meets the requirements 1001
specified for a driver of a school bus or motor van under 1002
section 3327.10 of the Revised Code and any corresponding rules 1003
adopted by the department of education and workforce. 1004
Notwithstanding that section or any department rules to the 1005
contrary, the driver is not required to have a commercial 1006
driver's license but shall have a current, valid driver's 1007

license, and shall be accustomed to operating the vehicle used 1008
to transport the students; 1009

(4) The driver and all passengers in the vehicle comply 1010
with the requirements of sections 4511.81 and 4513.263 of the 1011
Revised Code, as applicable. 1012

(H) As used in this section, "vehicle used for pupil 1013
transportation" means any vehicle that is identified as such by 1014
the department of education and workforce by rule and that is 1015
subject to Chapter 3301-83 of the Administrative Code. 1016

(I) Except as otherwise provided in this division, whoever 1017
violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. If the 1018
offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to 1019
one or more violations of this section or section 4511.63, 1020
4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77, or 4511.79 of the Revised 1021
Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially similar to 1022
any of those sections, whoever violates this section is guilty 1023
of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 1024

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.03, 4510.036, 1025
4511.62, 4511.63, 4511.64, 4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 of the 1026
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 1027

Section 3. All items in this act are hereby appropriated 1028
as designated out of any moneys in the state treasury to the 1029
credit of the designated fund. For all operating appropriations 1030
made in this act, those in the first column are for fiscal year 1031
2024 and those in the second column are for fiscal year 2025. 1032
The operating appropriations made in this act are in addition to 1033
any other operating appropriations made for these fiscal years. 1034

Section 4. 1035

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A	EDU DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE			
B	State Lottery Fund Group			
C	7017	2006A6	School Bus Safety	\$0 \$25,000,000
D	TOTAL SLF		State Lottery Fund Group	\$0 \$25,000,000
E	TOTAL ALL BUDGET		FUND GROUPS	\$0 \$25,000,000

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY 1037

Of the foregoing appropriation item 2006A6, School Bus 1038
Safety, up to \$100,000 in fiscal year 2025 may be used by the 1039
Department of Education and Workforce to administer the school 1040
bus safety grant program under section 3327.19 of the Revised 1041
Code. 1042

Notwithstanding division (C) of section 3327.19 of the 1043
Revised Code, the remainder of the foregoing appropriation item 1044
2006A6, School Bus Safety, shall be used to award school bus 1045
safety grants pursuant to section 3327.19 of the Revised Code. 1046

Any unexpended and unencumbered portion of the foregoing 1047
appropriation item 2006A6, School Bus Safety, at the end of 1048
fiscal year 2025 is hereby reappropriated for the same purpose 1049
in fiscal year 2026. To the extent that reappropriated funds are 1050
available, of the foregoing appropriation item 2006A6, School 1051
Bus Safety, up to \$100,000 in fiscal year 2026 may be used by 1052
the Department to administer the school bus safety grant program 1053
under section 3327.19 of the Revised Code. 1054

Section 5. Within the limits set forth in this act, the 1055
Director of Budget and Management shall establish accounts 1056
indicating the source and amount of funds for each appropriation 1057
made in this act, and shall determine the manner in which 1058
appropriation accounts shall be maintained. Expenditures from 1059
operating appropriations for fiscal year 2025 contained in this 1060
act shall be accounted for as though made in, and are subject to 1061
all applicable provisions of, H.B. 33 of the 135th General 1062
Assembly. Expenditures from any operating appropriations for 1063
fiscal year 2026 shall be accounted for as though made in, and 1064
are subject to all applicable provisions of, the main operating 1065
appropriations act of the 136th General Assembly. 1066

Section 6. This act shall be known as the School Bus 1067
Safety Act. 1068