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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  
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

<u>(f) Colorado rack test-approved bus frames;</u>	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</u>	69 70

the eligible applicant. 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.	100 101 102 103 104
(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.	105 106 107 108 109 110 111
(3) The registrar need not appoint a deputy registrar in a county to which all of the following apply:	112 113
(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;	114 115 116 117
(b) Neither the county auditor nor the clerk of court of common pleas agrees to be designated as a deputy registrar;	118 119
(c) No individual or nonprofit corporation agrees to be designated as a deputy registrar;	120 121
(d) No deputy registrar operating an existing deputy registrar agency in another county agrees to be designated as the deputy registrar for that county.	122 123 124
(4) The registrar may reestablish a deputy registrar in	125

any county without a deputy registrar if any of the following	126
apply:	127
(a) The county auditor requests to be designated as a	128
deputy registrar;	129
(b) The clerk of court of common pleas requests to be	130
designated as a deputy registrar;	131
(c) A deputy registrar operating an existing deputy	132
registrar agency in another county requests to be designated as	133
a deputy registrar for that county;	134
(d) A qualified individual or nonprofit corporation	135
requests to be designated as a deputy registrar. In the event	136
that two or more qualified individuals, nonprofit corporations,	137
or a combination thereof, request to be designated as a deputy	138
registrar, the registrar may make the designation through the	139
competitive selection process.	140
Deputy registrar contracts are subject to the provisions	141
of division (B) of section 125.081 of the Revised Code.	142
(B) (1) The registrar shall not designate any person to act	143
as a deputy registrar under division (A) (1) of this section if	144
the person or, where applicable, the person's spouse or a member	145
of the person's immediate family has made, within the current	146
calendar year or any one of the previous three calendar years,	147
one or more contributions totaling in excess of one hundred	148
dollars to any person or entity included in division (A) (2) of	149
section 4503.033 of the Revised Code. As used in this division,	150
"immediate family" has the same meaning as in division (D) of	151
section 102.01 of the Revised Code, and "entity" includes any	152
political party and any "continuing association" as defined in	153
division (C) (4) of section 3517.01 of the Revised Code or	154

"political action committee" as defined in division (C) (8) of 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	241

nonprofit corporation formed under the laws of this state; 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

<u>graphic on the bureau of motor vehicle's web site.</u>	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 299  
the Ohio turnpike and infrastructure commission pursuant to 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 421  
ordinance regulating the operation of vehicles, streetcars, and 422  
trackless trolleys on highways and streets, except a violation 423  
related to parking a motor vehicle. 424

(B) Every court of record or mayor's court before which a 425  
person is charged with a violation for which points are 426  
chargeable by this section shall assess and transcribe to the 427  
abstract of conviction that is furnished by the bureau to the 428  
court the number of points chargeable by this section in the 429  
correct space assigned on the reporting form. A United States 430  
district court that has jurisdiction within this state and 431  
before which a person is charged with a violation for which 432  
points are chargeable by this section may assess and transcribe 433  
to the abstract of conviction report that is furnished by the 434  
bureau the number of points chargeable by this section in the 435  
correct space assigned on the reporting form. If the federal 436  
court so assesses and transcribes the points chargeable for the 437  
offense and furnishes the report to the bureau, the bureau shall 438  
record the points in the same manner as those assessed and 439  
transcribed by a court of record or mayor's court. 440

(C) A court shall assess the following points for an 441  
offense based on the following formula: 442

(1) Aggravated vehicular homicide, vehicular homicide, 443  
vehicular manslaughter, aggravated vehicular assault, or 444  
vehicular assault when the offense involves the operation of a 445  
vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley on a highway or street 446  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6 points 447

(2) A violation of section 2921.331 of the Revised Code or 448



any ordinance prohibiting the willful fleeing or eluding of a	449
law enforcement officer _____ 6 points	450
(3) A violation of section 4549.02 or 4549.021 of the	451
Revised Code or any ordinance requiring the driver of a vehicle	452
to stop and disclose identity at the scene of an accident	453
_____ 6 points	454
(4) A violation of section 4511.251 of the Revised Code or	455
any ordinance prohibiting street racing, stunt driving, or	456
street takeover _____ 6 points	457
(5) A violation of section 4510.037 of the Revised Code or	458
any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while	459
the driver's or commercial driver's license is under a twelve-	460
point suspension _____ 6 points	461
(6) A violation of section 4510.14 of the Revised Code, or	462
any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle upon	463
the public roads or highways within this state while the	464
driver's or commercial driver's license of the person is under	465
suspension and the suspension was imposed under section 4511.19,	466
4511.191, or 4511.196 of the Revised Code or section 4510.07 of	467
the Revised Code due to a conviction for a violation of a	468
municipal OVI ordinance or any ordinance prohibiting the	469
operation of a motor vehicle while the driver's or commercial	470
driver's license is under suspension for an OVI offense	471
_____ 6 points	472
(7) A violation of division (A) of section 4511.19 of the	473
Revised Code, any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a	474
vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, a drug of abuse,	475
or a combination of them, or any ordinance substantially	476
equivalent to division (A) of section 4511.19 of the Revised	477

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	478 479 480 481
(8) A violation of section 2913.03 of the Revised Code that does not involve an aircraft or motorboat or any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a vehicle without the consent of the owner _____ 6 points	482 483 484 485
(9) Any offense under the motor vehicle laws of this state that is a felony, or any other felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle was used _____ 6 points	486 487 488
(10) A violation of division (B) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code or any ordinance substantially equivalent to that division prohibiting the operation of a vehicle with a prohibited concentration of alcohol in the whole blood, blood serum or plasma, breath, or urine _____ 4 points	489 490 491 492 493
(11) A violation of section 4511.20 of the Revised Code or any ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle in willful or wanton disregard of the safety of persons or property _____ 4 points	494 495 496 497
(12) A violation of any law or ordinance pertaining to speed:	498 499
(a) Notwithstanding divisions (C) (12) (b) and (c) of this section, when the speed exceeds the lawful speed limit by thirty miles per hour or more _____ 4 points	500 501 502
(b) When the speed exceeds the lawful speed limit of fifty-five miles per hour or more by more than ten miles per hour _____ 2 points	503 504 505

(c) When the speed exceeds the lawful speed limit of less than fifty-five miles per hour by more than five miles per hour _____ 2 points	506 507 508
(d) When the speed does not exceed the amounts set forth in divisions (C) (12) (a), (b), or (c) of this section _____ 0 points	509 510 511
(13) A violation of division (A) of section 4511.204 of the Revised Code or any substantially similar municipal ordinance:	512 513 514
(a) For a first offense within any two-year period _____ 2 points	515 516
(b) For a second offense within any two-year period _____ 3 points	517 518
(c) For a third or subsequent offense within any two-year period _____ 4 points.	519 520
(14) <u>A violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code:</u>	521 522
<u>(a) For a first offense within any five-year period 2 points</u>	523 524
<u>(b) For a second or subsequent offense within any five-year period _____ 4 points.</u>	525 526
<u>(15)</u> Operating a motor vehicle in violation of a restriction imposed by the registrar _____ 2 points	527 528
<del>(15)</del> <u>(16)</u> A violation of section 4510.11, 4510.111, 4510.16, or 4510.21 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 suspension _____ 2	529 530 531 532

points	533
<del>(16)</del> (17) With the exception of violations under section	534
4510.12 of the Revised Code where no points shall be assessed,	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
<b>Sec. 4511.62.</b> (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 <u>or other on-</u>	556
<u>track equipment.</u>	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 <u>or other on-track equipment.</u>	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 565  
proceed. 566

(e) An approaching train is emitting an audible signal or 567  
is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to the 568  
crossing. 569

(f) There is insufficient undercarriage clearance to 570  
safely negotiate the crossing. 571

(g) There is insufficient space on the other side of the 572  
railroad grade crossing to accommodate the vehicle or trackless 573  
trolley the person is operating without obstructing the passage 574  
of other on-track equipment. 575

(h) Approaching on-track equipment is emitting an audible 576  
signal or is plainly visible and is in hazardous proximity to 577  
the crossing. 578

~~(2)~~(2)(a) A person who is driving a vehicle or trackless 579  
trolley and who approaches a railroad grade crossing shall not 580  
proceed as long as any of the circumstances described in 581  
divisions (A) (1) (a) to (f) of this section exist at the 582  
crossing. 583

(b) A person who is driving a vehicle or trackless trolley 584  
and who approaches a railroad grade crossing shall not 585  
recklessly proceed as long as any of the circumstances described 586  
in division (A) (1) (g) or (h) of this section exist at the 587  
crossing. 588

(B) No person shall drive any vehicle through, around, or 589

under any crossing gate or barrier at a railroad crossing while 590  
the gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed 591  
unless the person is signaled by a law enforcement officer or 592  
flagperson that it is permissible to do so. 593

~~(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~~r~~ 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