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**A BILL**

To amend section 4511.751 of the Revised Code to 1  
require a school bus operator who files a report 2  
alleging that a vehicle passed the school bus 3  
while stopped to include in the report a 4  
description of the operator of the vehicle if 5  
possible, rather than requiring a description of 6  
the operator in all circumstances. 7

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

**Section 1.** That section 4511.751 of the Revised Code be 8  
amended to read as follows: 9

**Sec. 4511.751.** As used in this section, "license plate" 10  
includes, but is not limited to, any temporary license placard 11  
issued under section 4503.182 of the Revised Code or similar law 12  
of another jurisdiction. 13

When the operator of a school bus believes that a motorist 14  
has violated division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised 15  
Code, the operator shall report the license plate number ~~and,~~ a 16  
general description of the vehicle and, if possible, a 17  
description of the operator of the vehicle to the law 18

enforcement agency exercising jurisdiction over the area where 19  
the alleged violation occurred. The information contained in the 20  
report relating to the license plate number and to the general 21  
description of the vehicle and the operator of the vehicle at 22  
the time of the alleged violation may be supplied by any person 23  
with first-hand knowledge of the information. Information of 24  
which the operator of the school bus has first-hand knowledge 25  
also may be corroborated by any other person. 26

Upon receipt of the report of the alleged violation of 27  
division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code, the law 28  
enforcement agency shall conduct an investigation to attempt to 29  
determine or confirm the identity of the operator of the vehicle 30  
at the time of the alleged violation. If the identity of the 31  
operator at the time of the alleged violation is established, 32  
the reporting of the license plate number of the vehicle shall 33  
establish probable cause for the law enforcement agency to issue 34  
a citation for the violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 35  
of the Revised Code. However, if the identity of the operator of 36  
the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation cannot be 37  
established, the law enforcement agency shall issue a warning to 38  
the owner of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation, 39  
except in the case of a leased or rented vehicle when the 40  
warning shall be issued to the lessee at the time of the alleged 41  
violation. 42

The registrar of motor vehicles and deputy registrars 43  
shall, at the time of issuing license plates to any person, 44  
include with the license plate a summary of the requirements of 45  
division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code and the 46  
procedures of, and penalty in, division (F) of section 4511.75 47  
of the Revised Code. 48

**Section 2.** That existing section 4511.751 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 49  
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