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**A BILL**

To amend sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 1  
4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76; to amend, for 2  
the purpose of adopting a new section number as 3  
indicated in parentheses, section 4511.751 4  
(4511.752); and to enact new section 4511.751 5  
and sections 5.501, 3327.18, 3327.19, 4511.753, 6  
4511.754, 4511.755, 4511.756, and 4511.757 of 7  
the Revised Code to authorize a civil penalty 8  
system related to drivers who illegally pass a 9  
school bus but cannot be identified, to 10  
designate the month of August as "School Bus 11  
Safety Awareness Month," and to designate this 12  
act as the School Bus Safety Act. 13

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

**Section 1.** That sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 14  
4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 be amended; section 4511.751 15  
(4511.752) be amended for the purpose of adopting a new section 16  
number as indicated in parentheses; and new section 4511.751 and 17  
sections 5.501, 3327.18, 3327.19, 4511.753, 4511.754, 4511.755, 18  
4511.756, and 4511.757 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 19  
follows: 20

Sec. 5.501. The month of August is designated as "School Bus Safety Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of the need to properly stop when a stopped school bus is loading and unloading passengers. 21  
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Sec. 3327.18. (A) The school bus safety fund is created in the state treasury. The fund shall consist of the civil penalties collected in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised Code. 25  
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(B) The fund shall be administered by the director of education and workforce. Money in the fund shall be used to make grants to school districts for purposes of improving the safety features on school buses in accordance with section 3327.19 of the Revised Code. Money in the fund also may be used to support the department of education and workforce and the department of public safety in educating the public regarding the laws surrounding school bus safety. 29  
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(C) All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited to the fund. 37  
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Sec. 3327.19. (A) As used in this section: 39

(1) "Eligible applicant" means a board of education of a city school district, a local school district, an exempted village school district, a cooperative education school district, or a joint vocational school district, or a governing board of an educational service center. 40  
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(2) "School bus safety feature" means any of the following: 45  
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(a) External school bus cameras; 47

(b) Crossing arms; 48

<u>(c) Lane departure warning systems;</u>	49
<u>(d) Electronic stability control;</u>	50
<u>(e) Lighted crossover mirrors;</u>	51
<u>(f) Colorado rack test-approved bus frames;</u>	52
<u>(g) Fully illuminated stop arms located at the front and rear of a school bus;</u>	53 54
<u>(h) Collision avoidance systems;</u>	55
<u>(i) All light-emitting diode lights;</u>	56
<u>(j) Ground wash lights;</u>	57
<u>(k) Reflective chevron;</u>	58
<u>(l) Occupant restraining devices that conform to the school bus seat belt requirements of 49 C.F.R. 571;</u>	59 60
<u>(m) 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>	61 62 63 64
<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 one of the following:</u>	65 66 67 68 69
<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>	70 71 72
<u>(2) Purchase and install school bus safety features to replace old, broken, or outdated safety features on an eligible</u>	73 74

applicant's current school buses; 75

(3) Purchase school bus safety features as additional 76  
features to be included on new school buses being purchased by 77  
the eligible applicant. 78

(C) The department shall use the school bus safety fund 79  
created under section 3327.18 of the Revised Code to provide 80  
grants to eligible applicants in accordance with this section. 81

(D) The director of education and workforce shall 82  
establish any procedures and requirements necessary to 83  
administer this section, including procedures and requirements 84  
governing the form of grant applications and grant award 85  
processes and amounts. 86

(E) An eligible applicant that receives a grant under this 87  
section shall do both of the following: 88

(1) Use the funds only for the purchase and installation 89  
of school bus safety features; 90

(2) Spend any grant funds awarded not later than two years 91  
after the date the funds are distributed to the eligible 92  
applicant. 93

**Sec. 4503.10.** (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 94  
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 95  
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 96  
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 97  
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 98  
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 99  
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 100  
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 101  
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 102  
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 103

of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 104  
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 105  
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in sections 106  
4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner of every 107  
other motor vehicle not previously described in this section and 108  
every person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title 109  
of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public 110  
roads or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 111  
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 112  
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 113  
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 114  
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 115  
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 116  
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 117  
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 118  
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 119  
registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 120  
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 121  
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 122  
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 123  
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 124  
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 125  
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 126  
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 127  
information: 128

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 129  
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 130  
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 131  
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 132  
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 133

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 134

township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides;	135
(3) The district of registration, which shall be	136
determined as follows:	137
(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for	138
hire or principally in connection with any established business	139
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the	140
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which	141
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal	142
corporation, the county and township in which that place is	143
located.	144
(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of	145
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the	146
owner resides at the time of making the application.	147
(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor	148
vehicle;	149
(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle;	150
(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the	151
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the	152
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of	153
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application	154
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually	155
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited	156
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration,	157
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner	158
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with	159
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature	160
is not required.	161
(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license	162
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor	163

vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in 164  
connection with any established business, the owner's federal 165  
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles 166  
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided 167  
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social 168  
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration. 169

(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to 170  
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified 171  
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's 172  
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to 173  
approve the application for registration. 174

(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle 175  
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of 176  
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include 177  
any of the following: 178

(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical 179  
certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to 180  
the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant. 181

(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic 182  
certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a 183  
manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar. 184

(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically 185  
confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle. 186

An applicant is not required to present a certificate of 187  
title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited 188  
authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by 189  
the registrar. 190

(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance 191  
program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code 192

and rules adopted under it, each application for registration	193
for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and	194
those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate	195
for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section.	196
(3) An application for registration shall be refused if	197
any of the following applies:	198
(a) The application is not in proper form.	199
(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by	200
division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section	201
2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of	202
section 4510.22, <u>division (D) of section 4511.756</u> , division (B)	203
(1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of	204
the Revised Code.	205
(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or	206
confirmed in accordance with division (B)(1) of this section.	207
(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor	208
vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the	209
current registration year, have not been paid.	210
(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection	211
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14	212
of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section	213
is applicable.	214
(4) This section does not require the payment of license	215
or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year,	216
or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was	217
not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections	218
4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504.	219
of the Revised Code.	220



(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the 221  
first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the 222  
owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the 223  
issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum 224  
certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of 225  
title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic 226  
stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the 227  
registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for 228  
the motor vehicle, if any. 229

(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by 230  
other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration 231  
certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor 232  
vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the 233  
motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or 234  
attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 235  
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 236  
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 237  
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 238  
certificate of registration. 239

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 240  
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 241  
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 242  
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 243  
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 244  
under this division. 245

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 246  
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 247  
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 248  
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 249  
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 250

Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 251  
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 252  
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 253  
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 254  
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 255  
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 256  
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 257  
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 258  
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1) and (3) of 259  
this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 260  
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 261  
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 262  
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 263

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 264  
made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 265  
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 266  
identification sticker or each set of county identification 267  
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 268  
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 269  
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 270  
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 271  
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 272  
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 273  
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 274  
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 275  
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 276  
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 277  
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 278  
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 279  
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 280  
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 281

Code.	282
(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect	283
the following additional fee, as applicable, for each	284
application for registration or registration renewal received	285
for any hybrid motor vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric motor	286
vehicle, or battery electric motor vehicle:	287
(a) One hundred dollars for a hybrid motor vehicle;	288
(b) One hundred fifty dollars for a plug-in hybrid	289
electric motor vehicle;	290
(c) Two hundred dollars for a battery electric motor	291
vehicle.	292
Each fee imposed under this division shall be prorated	293
based on the number of months for which the vehicle is	294
registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from	295
each fee to the treasurer of state for distribution in	296
accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised	297
Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised	298
Code.	299
(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to	300
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised	301
Code for each application for registration and registration	302
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for	303
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy	304
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as	305
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy	306
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal	307
notices and the issuing of registrations.	308
(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county	309
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates	310

erroneously or fraudulently issued. 311

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 312  
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 313  
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 314  
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 315  
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 316  
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 317  
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 318  
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 319  
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 320  
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 321  
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 322  
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 323  
deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 324  
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 325  
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 326  
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 327  
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 328  
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 329  
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 330  
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 331  
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 332  
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 333  
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 334  
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 335  
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 336  
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 337  
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 338  
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 339  
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 340  
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 341

money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 342  
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 343  
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 344

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 345  
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 346  
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 347  
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 348  
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 349  
Code for each application. 350

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 351  
district of registration in an application required by division 352  
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 353  
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 354  
specified in that section. 355

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 356  
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 357  
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 358  
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 359  
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 360  
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 361  
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 362  
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 363  
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 364  
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 365  
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 366  
Code. 367

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 368  
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 369  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 370  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 371

receives information about the requirements established in that 372  
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 373  
present an inspection certificate with an application for 374  
registration or preregistration. 375

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 376  
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 377  
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 378  
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 379  
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 380  
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 381  
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 382  
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 383  
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 384  
multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 385  
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 386  
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 387  
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 388  
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 389  
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 390  
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 391  
registration. 392

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 393  
for registration under the international registration plan, as 394  
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 395  
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 396  
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 397  
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 398  
forms shall include the following: 399

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 400

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 401

gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 402  
the registrant; 403

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 404

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 405  
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 406  
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 407  
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 408  
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 409  
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 410  
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 411  
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 412  
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 413

If international registration plan guidelines and 414  
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 415  
registrations under the international registration plan to be 416  
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 417  
division shall permit such action. 418

**Sec. 4503.102.** (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 419  
adopt rules to establish a centralized system of motor vehicle 420  
registration renewal by mail or by electronic means. Any person 421  
owning a motor vehicle that was registered in the person's name 422  
during the preceding registration year shall renew the 423  
registration of the motor vehicle not more than ninety days 424  
prior to the expiration date of the registration either by mail 425  
or by electronic means through the centralized system of 426  
registration established under this section, or in person at any 427  
office of the registrar or at a deputy registrar's office. 428

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this 429  
section, no less than forty-five days prior to the expiration 430

date of any motor vehicle registration, the registrar shall mail 431  
a renewal notice to the person in whose name the motor vehicle 432  
is registered. The renewal notice shall clearly state that the 433  
registration of the motor vehicle may be renewed by mail or 434  
electronic means through the centralized system of registration 435  
or in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy 436  
registrar's office and shall be preprinted with information 437  
including, but not limited to, the owner's name and residence 438  
address as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles, 439  
a brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, 440  
notice of the license taxes and fees due on the motor vehicle, 441  
the toll-free telephone number of the registrar as required 442  
under division (D) (1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code, a 443  
statement that payment for a renewal may be made by financial 444  
transaction device using the toll-free telephone number, and any 445  
additional information the registrar may require by rule. The 446  
renewal notice shall not include the social security number of 447  
either the owner of the motor vehicle or the person in whose 448  
name the motor vehicle is registered. The renewal notice shall 449  
be sent by regular mail to the owner's last known address as 450  
shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. 451

(2) The registrar is not required to mail a renewal notice 452  
if either of the following applies: 453

(a) The owner of the vehicle has consented to receiving 454  
the renewal notice by electronic means only. 455

(b) The application for renewal of the registration of a 456  
motor vehicle is prohibited from being accepted by the registrar 457  
or a deputy registrar by division (D) of section 2935.27, 458  
division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 459  
4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of 460



section 4511.756, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 of the Revised Code. 461  
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(3) If the owner of a motor vehicle has consented to receiving a renewal notice by electronic means only, the registrar shall send an electronic renewal notice to the owner that contains the information specified in division (B) (1) of this section at the time specified under that division. 463  
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(C) The owner of the motor vehicle shall verify the information contained in the notice, sign it either manually or by electronic means, and return it, either by mail or electronic means, or the owner may take it in person to any office of the registrar or of a deputy registrar. The owner shall include with the notice a financial transaction device number when renewing in person or by electronic means but not by mail, check, or money order in the amount of the registration taxes and fees payable on the motor vehicle and a service fee equal to the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, plus postage as indicated on the notice if the registration is renewed or fulfilled by mail, and an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. For purposes of the centralized system of motor vehicle registration, the registrar shall accept payments via the toll-free telephone number established under division (D) (1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code for renewals made by mail. If the motor vehicle owner chooses to renew the motor vehicle registration by electronic means, the owner shall proceed in accordance with the rules the registrar adopts. 468  
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(D) If all registration and transfer fees for the motor vehicle for the preceding year or the preceding period of the current registration year have not been paid, if division (D) of 488  
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section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) 491  
of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division 492  
(D) of section 4511.756, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 493  
of the Revised Code prohibits acceptance of the renewal notice, 494  
or if the owner or lessee does not have an inspection 495  
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 496  
of the Revised Code, if that section is applicable, the license 497  
shall be refused, and the registrar or deputy registrar shall so 498  
notify the owner. This section does not require the payment of 499  
license or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any 500  
preceding year, or for any preceding period of a year, if the 501  
motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year or period 502  
under section 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, or 4503.16 or 503  
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code. 504

(E) (1) Failure to receive a renewal notice does not 505  
relieve a motor vehicle owner from the responsibility to renew 506  
the registration for the motor vehicle. Any person who has a 507  
motor vehicle registered in this state and who does not receive 508  
a renewal notice as provided in division (B) of this section 509  
prior to the expiration date of the registration shall request 510  
an application for registration from the registrar or a deputy 511  
registrar and sign the application manually or by electronic 512  
means and submit the application and pay any applicable license 513  
taxes and fees to the registrar or deputy registrar. 514

(2) If the owner of a motor vehicle submits an application 515  
for registration and the registrar is prohibited by division (D) 516  
of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division 517  
(A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, 518  
division (D) of section 4511.756, or division (B) (1) of section 519  
4521.10 of the Revised Code from accepting the application, the 520  
registrar shall return the application and the payment to the 521

owner. If the owner of a motor vehicle submits a registration 522  
renewal application to the registrar by electronic means and the 523  
registrar is prohibited from accepting the application as 524  
provided in this division, the registrar shall notify the owner 525  
of this fact and deny the application and return the payment or 526  
give a credit on the financial transaction device account of the 527  
owner in the manner the registrar prescribes by rule adopted 528  
pursuant to division (A) of this section. 529

(F) Every deputy registrar shall post in a prominent place 530  
at the deputy's office a notice informing the public of the mail 531  
registration system required by this section and also shall post 532  
a notice that every owner of a motor vehicle and every chauffeur 533  
holding a certificate of registration is required to notify the 534  
registrar in writing of any change of residence within ten days 535  
after the change occurs. The notice shall be in such form as the 536  
registrar prescribes by rule. 537

(G) The service fee equal to the amount established under 538  
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code that is collected from a 539  
person who renews a motor vehicle registration by electronic 540  
means or by mail, plus postage collected by the registrar and 541  
any financial transaction device surcharge collected by the 542  
registrar, shall be paid to the credit of the public safety - 543  
highway purposes fund established by section 4501.06 of the 544  
Revised Code. 545

(H) (1) Pursuant to section 113.40 of the Revised Code, the 546  
registrar shall implement a program permitting payment of motor 547  
vehicle registration taxes and fees, driver's license and 548  
commercial driver's license fees, and any other taxes, fees, 549  
penalties, or charges imposed or levied by the state by means of 550  
a financial transaction device for transactions occurring 551

online, at any office of the registrar, and at all deputy 552  
registrar locations. The program shall take effect not later 553  
than July 1, 2016. The registrar shall adopt rules as necessary 554  
for this purpose, but all such rules are subject to any action, 555  
policy, or procedure of the board of deposit or treasurer of 556  
state taken or adopted under section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 557

(2) The rules adopted under division (H) (1) of this 558  
section shall require a deputy registrar to accept payments by 559  
means of a financial transaction device beginning on the 560  
effective date of the rules unless the deputy registrar contract 561  
entered into by the deputy registrar prohibits the acceptance of 562  
such payments by financial transaction device. However, 563  
commencing with deputy registrar contract awards that have a 564  
start date of July 1, 2016, and for all contract awards 565  
thereafter, the registrar shall require that the proposer accept 566  
payment by means of a financial transaction device, including 567  
credit cards and debit cards, for all department of public 568  
safety transactions conducted at that deputy registrar location. 569

The bureau and deputy registrars are not required to pay 570  
any costs that result from accepting payment by means of a 571  
financial transaction device. A deputy registrar may charge a 572  
person who tenders payment for a department transaction by means 573  
of a financial transaction device any cost the deputy registrar 574  
incurs from accepting payment by the financial transaction 575  
device, but the deputy registrar shall not require the person to 576  
pay any additional fee of any kind in connection with the use by 577  
the person of the financial transaction device. 578

(3) In accordance with division (H) (1) of this section and 579  
rules adopted by the registrar under that division, a county 580  
auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas that is designated a 581

deputy registrar shall accept payment by means of a financial 582  
transaction device, including credit cards and debit cards, for 583  
all department transactions conducted at the office of the 584  
county auditor or clerk in the county auditor's or clerk's 585  
capacity as deputy registrar. The bureau is not required to pay 586  
any costs incurred by a county auditor or clerk that result from 587  
accepting payment by means of a financial transaction device for 588  
any department transaction. 589

(I) For persons who reside in counties where tailpipe 590  
emissions inspections are required under the motor vehicle 591  
inspection and maintenance program, the notice required by 592  
division (B) of this section shall also include the toll-free 593  
telephone number maintained by the Ohio environmental protection 594  
agency to provide information concerning the locations of 595  
emissions testing centers. The registrar also shall include a 596  
statement in the notice that a battery electric motor vehicle is 597  
not required to undergo emissions inspection under the motor 598  
vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under 599  
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. 600

**Sec. 4503.12.** (A) Upon the transfer of ownership of a 601  
motor vehicle, the registration of the motor vehicle expires, 602  
and the original owner immediately shall remove the license 603  
plates from the motor vehicle, except that: 604

(1) If a statutory merger or consolidation results in the 605  
transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from a constituent 606  
corporation to the surviving corporation, or if the 607  
incorporation of a proprietorship or partnership results in the 608  
transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from the proprietorship 609  
or partnership to the corporation, the registration shall be 610  
continued upon the filing by the surviving or new corporation, 611

within thirty days of such transfer, of an application for an amended certificate of registration. Upon a proper filing, the registrar of motor vehicles shall issue an amended certificate of registration in the name of the new owner.

(2) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results in the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to the surviving spouse of the owner or if a motor vehicle is owned by two persons under joint ownership with right of survivorship established under section 2131.12 of the Revised Code and one of those persons dies, the registration shall be continued upon the filing by the survivor of an application for an amended certificate of registration. In relation to a motor vehicle that is owned by two persons under joint ownership with right of survivorship established under section 2131.12 of the Revised Code, the application shall be accompanied by a copy of the certificate of title that specifies that the vehicle is owned under joint ownership with right of survivorship. Upon a proper filing, the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of registration in the name of the survivor.

(3) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results in the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to a transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries designated under section 2131.13 of the Revised Code, the registration shall be continued upon the filing by the transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries of an application for an amended certificate of registration. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of the certificate of title that specifies that the owner of the motor vehicle has designated the motor vehicle in beneficiary form under section 2131.13 of the Revised Code. Upon a proper filing, the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of registration in the name of the transfer-on-death beneficiary or

beneficiaries. 643

(4) If the original owner of a motor vehicle that has been 644  
transferred makes application for the registration of another 645  
motor vehicle at any time during the remainder of the 646  
registration period for which the transferred motor vehicle was 647  
registered, the owner may file an application for transfer of 648  
the registration and, where applicable, the license plates. The 649  
transfer of the registration and, where applicable, the license 650  
plates from the motor vehicle for which they originally were 651  
issued to a succeeding motor vehicle purchased by the same 652  
person in whose name the original registration and license 653  
plates were issued shall be done within a period not to exceed 654  
thirty days. During that thirty-day period, the license plates 655  
from the motor vehicle for which they originally were issued may 656  
be displayed on the succeeding motor vehicle, and the succeeding 657  
motor vehicle may be operated on the public roads and highways 658  
in this state. 659

At the time of application for transfer, the registrar 660  
shall compute and collect the amount of tax due on the 661  
succeeding motor vehicle, based upon the amount that would be 662  
due on a new registration as of the date on which the transfer 663  
is made less a credit for the unused portion of the original 664  
registration beginning on that date. If the credit exceeds the 665  
amount of tax due on the new registration, no refund shall be 666  
made. In computing the amount of tax due and credits to be 667  
allowed under this division, the provisions of division (B) (1) 668  
(a) and (b) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code shall apply. 669  
As to passenger cars, noncommercial vehicles, motor homes, and 670  
motorcycles, transfers within or between these classes of motor 671  
vehicles only shall be allowed. If the succeeding motor vehicle 672  
is of a different class than the motor vehicle for which the 673

registration originally was issued, new license plates also 674  
shall be issued upon the surrender of the license plates 675  
originally issued and payment of the fees provided in divisions 676  
(C) and (D) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. 677

(5) The owner of a commercial car having a gross vehicle 678  
weight or combined gross vehicle weight of more than ten 679  
thousand pounds may transfer the registration of that commercial 680  
car to another commercial car the owner owns without 681  
transferring ownership of the first commercial car. At any time 682  
during the remainder of the registration period for which the 683  
first commercial car was registered, the owner may file an 684  
application for the transfer of the registration and, where 685  
applicable, the license plates, accompanied by the certificate 686  
of registration of the first commercial car. The amount of any 687  
tax due or credit to be allowed for a transfer of registration 688  
under this division shall be computed in accordance with 689  
division (A) (4) of this section. 690

No commercial car to which a registration is transferred 691  
under this division shall be operated on a public road or 692  
highway in this state until after the transfer of registration 693  
is completed in accordance with this division. 694

(6) Upon application to the registrar or a deputy 695  
registrar, a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle may 696  
transfer special license plates assigned to that vehicle to any 697  
other vehicle that the person owns or leases or that is owned or 698  
leased by the person's spouse. As appropriate, the application 699  
also shall be accompanied by a power of attorney for the 700  
registration of a leased vehicle and a written statement 701  
releasing the special plates to the applicant. Upon a proper 702  
filing, the registrar or deputy registrar shall assign the 703



special license plates to the motor vehicle owned or leased by 704  
the applicant and issue a new certificate of registration for 705  
that motor vehicle. 706

(7) If a corporation transfers the ownership of a motor 707  
vehicle to an affiliated corporation, the affiliated corporation 708  
may apply to the registrar for the transfer of the registration 709  
and any license plates. The registrar may require the applicant 710  
to submit documentation of the corporate relationship and shall 711  
determine whether the application for registration transfer is 712  
made in good faith and not for the purposes of circumventing the 713  
provisions of this chapter. Upon a proper filing, the registrar 714  
shall issue an amended certificate of registration in the name 715  
of the new owner. 716

(B) An application under division (A) of this section 717  
shall be accompanied by a service fee equal to the amount 718  
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, a 719  
transfer fee of one dollar, and the original certificate of 720  
registration, if applicable. 721

(C) Neither the registrar nor a deputy registrar shall 722  
transfer a registration under division (A) of this section if 723  
the registration is prohibited by division (D) of section 724  
2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of 725  
section 4503.13, division (D) of section 4503.234, division (B) 726  
of section 4510.22, division (D) of section 4511.756, division 727  
(B) (1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 728  
of the Revised Code. 729

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 730  
guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 731

(E) As used in division (A) (6) of this section, "special 732

license plates" means either of the following: 733

(1) Any license plates for which the person to whom the 734  
license plates are issued must pay an additional fee in excess 735  
of the fees prescribed in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, 736  
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and the service fee 737  
prescribed in division (D) or (G) of section 4503.10 of the 738  
Revised Code; 739

(2) License plates issued under section 4503.44 of the 740  
Revised Code. 741

**Sec. 4511.75.** ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) The driver of a vehicle, 742  
streetcar, or trackless trolley upon meeting or overtaking from 743  
either direction any school bus stopped for the purpose of 744  
receiving or discharging any school child, person attending 745  
programs offered by community boards of mental health and county 746  
boards of developmental disabilities, or child attending a 747  
program offered by a head start agency, shall stop at least ten 748  
feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not 749  
proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled 750  
by the school bus driver or a law enforcement officer to 751  
proceed. 752

(2) It is no defense to a charge under ~~this division~~ (A) 753  
(1) of this section that the school bus involved failed to 754  
display or be equipped with an automatically extended stop 755  
warning sign as required by division (B) of this section. 756

(B) Every school bus shall be equipped with amber and red 757  
visual signals meeting the requirements of section 4511.771 of 758  
the Revised Code, and an automatically extended stop warning 759  
sign of a type approved by the department of education and 760  
workforce, which shall be actuated by the driver of the bus 761

whenever but only whenever the bus is stopped or stopping on the roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children, persons attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and county boards of developmental disabilities, or children attending programs offered by head start agencies. A school bus driver shall not actuate the visual signals or the stop warning sign in designated school bus loading areas where the bus is entirely off the roadway or at school buildings when children or persons attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and county boards of developmental disabilities are loading or unloading at curbside or at buildings when children attending programs offered by head start agencies are loading or unloading at curbside. The visual signals and stop warning sign shall be synchronized or otherwise operated as required by rule of the board.

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

(D) School buses operating on divided highways or on highways with four or more traffic lanes shall receive and discharge all school children, persons attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and county boards of developmental disabilities, and children attending programs

offered by head start agencies on their residence side of the 793  
highway. 794

(E) No school bus driver shall start the driver's bus 795  
until after any child, person attending programs offered by 796  
community boards of mental health and county boards of 797  
developmental disabilities, or child attending a program offered 798  
by a head start agency who may have alighted therefrom has 799  
reached a place of safety on the child's or person's residence 800  
side of the road. 801

(F) (1) ~~Whoever~~ Except as provided in division (F) (3) of 802  
this section, whoever violates division (A) of this section may 803  
be fined an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars. A person 804  
who is issued a citation for a violation of division (A) of this 805  
section is not permitted to enter a written plea of guilty and 806  
waive the person's right to contest the citation in a trial but 807  
instead must appear in person in the proper court to answer the 808  
charge. 809

(2) ~~In~~ Except as provided in division (F) (3) of this 810  
section, in addition to and independent of any other penalty 811  
provided by law, the court or mayor may impose upon an offender 812  
who violates this section a class seven suspension of the 813  
offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, 814  
temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or 815  
nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in 816  
division (A) (7) of section 4510.02 of the Revised Code. When a 817  
license is suspended under this section, the court or mayor 818  
shall cause the offender to deliver the license to the court, 819  
and the court or clerk of the court immediately shall forward 820  
the license to the registrar of motor vehicles, together with 821  
notice of the court's action. 822

(3) If the identity of the driver of a vehicle that is the 823  
subject of a violation of division (A) of this section cannot be 824  
established through investigation or otherwise, the registered 825  
owner of a vehicle may be fined a civil penalty of three hundred 826  
dollars in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the 827  
Revised Code when that owner's vehicle is used to commit a 828  
violation of division (A) of this section. 829

(G) As used in this section: 830

(1) "Head start agency" has the same meaning as in section 831  
3301.32 of the Revised Code. 832

(2) "School bus," as used in relation to children who 833  
attend a program offered by a head start agency, means a bus 834  
that is owned and operated by a head start agency, is equipped 835  
with an automatically extended stop warning sign of a type 836  
approved by the department, is painted the color and displays 837  
the markings described in section 4511.77 of the Revised Code, 838  
and is equipped with amber and red visual signals meeting the 839  
requirements of section 4511.771 of the Revised Code, 840  
irrespective of whether or not the bus has fifteen or more 841  
children aboard at any time. "School bus" does not include a van 842  
owned and operated by a head start agency, irrespective of its 843  
color, lights, or markings. 844

**Sec. 4511.751.** As used in sections 4511.751 to 4511.757 845  
and section 4511.76 of the Revised Code: 846

(A) "Designated party" means the person whom a registered 847  
owner of a vehicle identifies as the person who was operating 848  
the owner's vehicle at the time of a school bus violation. 849

(B) "Entity responsible for operation of the school bus" 850  
means the applicable board of education of a city, local or 851

exempted village school district, the governing board of an 852  
educational service center, a county board of developmental 853  
disabilities, or the governing authority of a chartered 854  
nonpublic school, community school established under Chapter 855  
3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established under Chapter 856  
3326. of the Revised Code, or head start program that is 857  
responsible for the operation of the school bus on which a 858  
school bus violation detection monitoring system is installed. 859

(C) "Law enforcement officer" means a sheriff, deputy 860  
sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, school resource officer, 861  
police officer of a police department of any municipal 862  
corporation, police constable of any township, or police officer 863  
of a township or joint police district who is employed on a 864  
permanent, full-time basis by a law enforcement agency. 865

(D) "License plate" includes any temporary motor vehicle 866  
license registration issued under section 4503.182 of the 867  
Revised Code or similar law of another jurisdiction. 868

(E) "Motor vehicle dealer" has the same meaning as in 869  
section 4517.01 of the Revised Code. 870

(F) "Motor vehicle renting dealer" has the same meaning as 871  
in section 4549.65 of the Revised Code. 872

(G) "Notice of violation" means a traffic ticket, 873  
citation, summons, or other ticket issued in response to an 874  
alleged school bus violation detected by a school bus violation 875  
detection monitoring system that represents a civil violation. 876

(H) "Recorded images" means either of the following, 877  
recorded by a school bus violation detection monitoring system, 878  
when they are sufficiently clear and show, on at least one image 879  
or on a portion of the videotape, the rear of a vehicle and the 880

<u>letters and numerals on the rear license plate of the vehicle:</u>	881
<u>(1) Two or more photographs, microphotographs, electronic images, or digital images;</u>	882
<u>(2) Videotape.</u>	883
<u>(I) "Registered owner" means all of the following:</u>	884
<u>(1) Any person or entity identified by the bureau of motor vehicles or any other state motor vehicle registration bureau, department, or office as the owner of a vehicle;</u>	885
<u>(2) The lessee of a vehicle under a lease of six months or longer;</u>	886
<u>(3) The renter of a vehicle pursuant to a written rental agreement with a motor vehicle renting dealer.</u>	887
<u>(J) "School bus violation detection monitoring system" means a camera system affixed to a school bus that consists of two or more camera sensors or computers that can produce recorded images.</u>	888
<u>(K) "School bus violation" means a violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code, or a substantially equivalent municipal ordinance, when division (E) of section 4511.752 of the Revised Code applies.</u>	889
<del>Sec. 4511.751 4511.752. As used in this section, "license plate" includes, but is not limited to, any temporary motor vehicle license registration issued under section 4503.192 of the Revised Code or similar law of another jurisdiction.</del>	890
<u>(A) When the operator of a school bus believes that a motorist has violated division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code, the operator shall report the license plate number</u>	891
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and a general description of the vehicle and of the operator of 908  
the vehicle to the law enforcement agency exercising 909  
jurisdiction over the area where the alleged violation occurred. 910

(B) The information contained in the report relating to 911  
the license plate number and to the general description of the 912  
vehicle and the operator of the vehicle at the time of the 913  
alleged violation may be supplied or corroborated by any person 914  
with first-hand knowledge of the information. Information ~~of~~ 915  
~~which the operator of the school bus has first hand knowledge~~ 916  
contained in the report also may be supplied or corroborated by 917  
any other person an entity responsible for operation of a school 918  
bus or its contracted private vendor, through an image, images, 919  
or video recorded by a school bus camera, including a school bus 920  
violation detection monitoring system, installed pursuant to 921  
section 4511.76 of the Revised Code. 922

(C) (1) Upon receipt of the report of the alleged violation 923  
of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code, the law 924  
enforcement agency shall conduct an investigation to attempt to 925  
determine or confirm the following: 926

(a) The license plate number, the color, and the make and 927  
model of the vehicle; 928

(b) The date, approximate time, and location of the 929  
alleged violation; 930

(c) The identity of the operator of the vehicle at the 931  
time of the alleged violation. 932

(2) The law enforcement agency may use a sufficiently 933  
clear image, images, or video provided by a school bus camera, 934  
including a school bus violation detection monitoring system 935  
installed pursuant to section 4511.76 of the Revised Code, to 936



determine the information specified in division (C)(1) of this 937  
section. 938

(D) If the identity of the operator at the time of the 939  
alleged violation is established, the reporting of the license 940  
plate number of the vehicle shall establish probable cause for 941  
the law enforcement agency to issue a criminal citation for the 942  
violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised 943  
Code. ~~However, if~~ 944

(E) If the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the 945  
time of the alleged violation cannot be established and the 946  
recorded image, images, or video are sufficiently clear to 947  
identify the license plate of the vehicle that is the subject of 948  
the alleged violation, the law enforcement agency shall ~~issue a~~ 949  
~~warning~~ do one of the following, as applicable: 950

(1) Issue a notice of violation for a civil penalty of 951  
three hundred dollars to the registered owner of the vehicle at 952  
the time of the alleged violation, ~~except in the case of a~~ 953  
~~leased or rented vehicle when the warning shall be issued to the~~ 954  
~~lessee at the time of the alleged violation~~ in accordance with 955  
sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised Code. A law 956  
enforcement agency shall not issue a notice of violation under 957  
this division unless both of the following apply: 958

(a) The entity responsible for operation of the school bus 959  
that is the subject of the alleged violation has installed a 960  
school bus violation detection monitoring system pursuant to 961  
section 4511.76 of the Revised Code on all school buses actively 962  
operated by the entity for transportation routes. 963

(b) The recorded image meets all requirements necessary to 964  
issue a ticket under section 4511.753 of the Revised Code. 965

(2) If a notice of violation cannot be issued under 966  
division (E) (1) of this section, issue a warning to the 967  
registered owner of the vehicle at the time of the alleged 968  
violation. 969

(F) A law enforcement agency shall not issue both a 970  
criminal citation and a civil notice of violation for a single 971  
instance of a violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of 972  
the Revised Code. 973

(G) The registrar of motor vehicles and deputy registrars 974  
shall, at the time of issuing license plates to any person, 975  
include with the license plate a summary of the requirements of 976  
division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code and the 977  
procedures of, and penalty in, division (F) of section 4511.75 978  
of the Revised Code. 979

(H) For purposes of enforcing section 4511.75 of the 980  
Revised Code under this section, the state highway patrol may 981  
issue a criminal citation under division (D) of this section, 982  
but shall not issue a notice of violation for a civil violation 983  
under division (E) of this section. If the identity of the 984  
operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation 985  
cannot be established, the state highway patrol may issue a 986  
warning to the registered owner of the vehicle at the time of 987  
the alleged violation. 988

**Sec. 4511.753.** (A) When a law enforcement agency receives 989  
a report under division (A) or (B) of section 4511.752 of the 990  
Revised Code, and the identity of the operator of the vehicle at 991  
the time of the alleged violation cannot be established, the law 992  
enforcement agency may use any lawful means to identify the 993  
registered owner for purposes of issuing a notice of violation 994  
under this section to that owner if all of the following are 995

<u>shown on the image recorded by a school bus violation detection</u>	996
<u>monitoring system:</u>	997
<u>(1) The school bus violation;</u>	998
<u>(2) The date and time of the violation;</u>	999
<u>(3) The electronic red light visual signals or stop</u>	1000
<u>warning sign to demonstrate that such signals and sign were</u>	1001
<u>actuated;</u>	1002
<u>(4) The letter and numerals on the license plate of the</u>	1003
<u>vehicle involved and the state that issued the license plate.</u>	1004
<u>(B) (1) After the identification of the registered owner</u>	1005
<u>under division (A) of this section and within thirty days of the</u>	1006
<u>school bus violation, the law enforcement agency or the agency's</u>	1007
<u>agent may issue and send by regular mail in a clearly marked</u>	1008
<u>envelope that includes the citing law enforcement agency on the</u>	1009
<u>envelope a notice of violation charging the registered owner</u>	1010
<u>with the violation.</u>	1011
<u>(2) A school bus violation for which a notice of violation</u>	1012
<u>is issued by or on behalf of a law enforcement agency based on</u>	1013
<u>evidence recorded by a school bus violation detection monitoring</u>	1014
<u>system is a civil violation. The law enforcement agency or the</u>	1015
<u>agency's agent shall issue the notice of violation in accordance</u>	1016
<u>with the requirements of section 4511.754 of the Revised Code.</u>	1017
<u>The civil penalty for the notice of violation shall be three</u>	1018
<u>hundred dollars.</u>	1019
<u>(C) A law enforcement agency or the agency's agent that</u>	1020
<u>mails a notice of violation charging the registered owner with</u>	1021
<u>the school bus violation shall, without unnecessary delay, file</u>	1022
<u>a certified copy of the notice of violation with the municipal</u>	1023
<u>court or county court with jurisdiction over the civil action.</u>	1024

(D) A certified copy of the notice of violation alleging a 1025  
school bus violation, sworn to or affirmed by a law enforcement 1026  
officer employed by the law enforcement agency, including by 1027  
electronic means, and the recorded images produced by the school 1028  
bus violation detection monitoring system, is prima facie 1029  
evidence of the facts contained therein and is admissible in a 1030  
civil action or proceeding concerning the notice of violation 1031  
issued under this section. 1032

**Sec. 4511.754.** A law enforcement agency or the agency's 1033  
agent shall ensure that a notice of violation for a school bus 1034  
violation sent under section 4511.753 of the Revised Code 1035  
contains all of the following: 1036

(A) The name and address of the registered owner; 1037

(B) The letters and numerals appearing on the license 1038  
plate issued to the vehicle; 1039

(C) The school bus violation charged; 1040

(D) A statement that the violation was recorded by a 1041  
school bus violation detection monitoring system; 1042

(E) The date and time of the violation; 1043

(F) A copy of the recorded images; 1044

(G) The amount of the civil penalty imposed, the date by 1045  
which the civil penalty is required to be paid, and the address 1046  
of the municipal court or county court with jurisdiction over 1047  
the civil action to which the payment is to be sent; 1048

(H) A statement signed by a law enforcement officer 1049  
indicating that, based on an inspection of the recorded images, 1050  
the vehicle was involved in a school bus violation and the 1051  
recorded images are prima facie evidence of that school bus 1052

violation. The law enforcement officer may sign the statement 1053  
electronically. 1054

(I) Information advising the person or entity alleged to 1055  
be liable of the options prescribed in section 4511.755 of the 1056  
Revised Code, including the time, place, and manner in which the 1057  
person or entity may appear in court to contest the violation 1058  
and notice of violation and the procedure for disclaiming 1059  
liability by submitting an affidavit to the municipal court or 1060  
county court as prescribed in section 4511.755 of the Revised 1061  
Code; 1062

(J) A warning that failure to exercise one of the options 1063  
prescribed in section 4511.755 of the Revised Code is deemed to 1064  
be an admission of liability and waiver of the opportunity to 1065  
contest the violation. 1066

**Sec. 4511.755.** A person or entity who receives a notice of 1067  
violation for a civil violation sent under section 4511.753 of 1068  
the Revised Code shall elect to do one of the following: 1069

(A) In accordance with instructions on the notice of 1070  
violation, pay the civil penalty, thereby admitting liability 1071  
and waiving the opportunity to contest the violation; 1072

(B) (1) Within thirty days after receipt of the notice of 1073  
violation, provide the municipal court or county court with 1074  
jurisdiction over the civil action with either of the following 1075  
affidavits: 1076

(a) An affidavit executed by the registered owner and the 1077  
operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation identifying 1078  
that operator as the designated party who may be held liable for 1079  
the violation, and containing at a minimum the name and address 1080  
of that designated party; 1081

(b) An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating 1082  
that at the time of the violation, the vehicle or the license 1083  
plates issued to the vehicle were stolen and therefore were in 1084  
the care, custody, or control of some person or entity to whom 1085  
the registered owner did not grant permission to use the 1086  
vehicle. To demonstrate that the vehicle or the license plates 1087  
were stolen prior to the school bus violation and therefore were 1088  
not under the control or possession of the registered owner at 1089  
the time of the violation, the registered owner shall submit 1090  
proof that a report about the stolen vehicle or license plates 1091  
was filed with the appropriate law enforcement agency prior to 1092  
the violation or within forty-eight hours after the violation 1093  
occurred. 1094

(2) A registered owner is not responsible for a school bus 1095  
violation if, within thirty days after the date of mailing of 1096  
the notice of violation, the registered owner furnishes an 1097  
affidavit specified in division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this section 1098  
to the court with jurisdiction in a form established by the 1099  
court and the following conditions are met: 1100

(a) If the registered owner and the operator of the 1101  
vehicle at the time of the violation submit an affidavit as 1102  
specified in division (B) (1) (a) of this section, the operator as 1103  
the designated party either accepts liability for the violation 1104  
by paying the civil penalty or by failing to request a court 1105  
hearing within thirty days or is determined liable in a court 1106  
hearing. 1107

(b) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as 1108  
specified in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, the affidavit 1109  
is supported by a stolen vehicle or stolen license plate report 1110  
as required in that division. 1111

(C) If the registered owner is a motor vehicle dealer or a motor vehicle renting dealer, notify the court with jurisdiction of the name and address of the customer, lessee, or renter of the vehicle at the time of the school bus violation. The court may establish the form of the notice or use a standard form of notice. A motor vehicle dealer or motor vehicle renting dealer who receives a notice of violation for an alleged school bus violation detected by a school bus violation detection monitoring system is not liable for a notice of violation issued for a vehicle that was in the care, custody, or control of a customer, lessee, or renter at the time of the alleged violation. The dealer shall not pay the fine specified on the notice of violation and subsequently attempt to collect a fee or assess the customer, lessee, or renter a charge for any payment of such a notice of violation made on behalf of the customer, lessee, or renter. 1112  
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(D) If the vehicle involved in the school bus violation is a commercial motor vehicle and the notice of violation is issued to a corporate entity, provide to the court with jurisdiction an affidavit, sworn to or affirmed by an agent of the corporate entity, that provides the name and address of the employee who was operating the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and who is the designated party; 1128  
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(E) Contest the notice of violation by filing a written request for a court hearing to review the notice of violation in a form established by the court. The person shall file the written request not later than thirty days after receipt of the notice of violation. The failure to request a hearing within this time period constitutes a waiver of the right to contest the violation and notice of violation, and is deemed to constitute an admission of liability. 1135  
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Sec. 4511.756. (A) (1) A court with jurisdiction that 1143  
receives an affidavit described in division (B) (1) (a) or (D) of 1144  
section 4511.755 of the Revised Code or a notification under 1145  
division (C) of that section from a registered owner may proceed 1146  
to notify the law enforcement agency to send a notice of 1147  
violation that conforms with this section and section 4511.754 1148  
of the Revised Code to the designated party. 1149

(2) The law enforcement agency shall send the conforming 1150  
notice of violation to the designated party by ordinary mail not 1151  
later than thirty days after receipt of the notification from 1152  
the court. 1153

(B) (1) If, after conducting a hearing requested under 1154  
division (E) of section 4511.755 of the Revised Code, the court 1155  
finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged school 1156  
bus violation did in fact occur and that the person named in the 1157  
original or any subsequent notice of violation is the person who 1158  
was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation, the 1159  
court shall issue a written decision imposing liability for the 1160  
violation upon the individual and submit it to the law 1161  
enforcement agency and the person named in the notice of 1162  
violation. 1163

(2) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence 1164  
that the alleged school bus violation did not occur or did in 1165  
fact occur but the person named in the original or any 1166  
subsequent notice of violation is not the person who was 1167  
operating the vehicle at the time of the violation, the court 1168  
shall issue a written decision finding that the individual is 1169  
not liable for the violation and submit it to the law 1170  
enforcement agency and the person named in the notice of 1171  
violation. 1172



(3) If the person who requested the court hearing fails to appear, the court may determine that the person is liable for the violation or grant a continuance of the hearing. If the court determines that the person is liable, the court shall issue a written decision imposing liability for the violation upon the individual and submit it to the law enforcement agency and the person named in the notice of violation. 1173  
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(C) The court shall charge the applicable court costs and fees for the civil action to the party that does not prevail in the action. 1180  
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(D) (1) If a person liable for a school bus violation fails to pay the civil penalty or any applicable court costs and fees, the court may notify the registrar of motor vehicles. 1183  
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(2) If the registrar receives a notice from a court under division (D) (1) of this section, neither the registrar nor any deputy registrar shall accept any application for the registration or transfer of registration of any motor vehicle owner or leased by the person named in the notice, until the registrar receives notice from the court that the civil penalty and any court costs and fees has been paid or dismissed. 1186  
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**Sec. 4511.757.** (A) The civil penalty charged and collected in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised Code shall be paid as follows: 1193  
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(1) Fifty dollars to the school bus safety fund created in section 3327.18 of the Revised Code; 1196  
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(2) Two hundred fifty dollars to the entity responsible for operation of the school bus. 1198  
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(B) The entity responsible for operation of the school bus shall use the proceeds it receives for school bus safety 1200  
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technology initiatives. As part of those initiatives, the entity 1202  
may use proceeds for the purpose of defraying the costs of 1203  
purchasing, installing, operating, and maintaining the school 1204  
bus violation detection monitoring systems and offsetting a law 1205  
enforcement agency's costs related to reviewing recorded images 1206  
and issuing the notices of violation. 1207

**Sec. 4511.76.** (A) The department of public safety, by and 1208  
with the advice of the department of education and workforce, 1209  
shall adopt and enforce rules relating to the construction, 1210  
design, and equipment of all school buses both publicly and 1211  
privately owned and operated in this state, including ~~lighting~~ 1212  
rules governing both of the following: 1213

(1) Lighting equipment required by section 4511.771 of the 1214  
Revised Code, ~~of all school buses both publicly and privately~~ 1215  
~~owned and operated in this state;~~ 1216

(2) School bus cameras, including school bus violation 1217  
detection monitoring systems, that provide an image, images, or 1218  
video for purposes of recording a violation of division (A) of 1219  
section 4511.75 of the Revised Code. 1220

(B) The department of education and workforce, by and with 1221  
the advice of the director of public safety, shall adopt and 1222  
enforce rules relating to the operation of all vehicles used for 1223  
pupil transportation. 1224

(C) No person shall operate a vehicle used for pupil 1225  
transportation within this state in violation of the rules of 1226  
the department of education and workforce or the department of 1227  
public safety. No person, being the owner thereof or having the 1228  
supervisory responsibility therefor, shall permit the operation 1229  
of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state in 1230

violation of the rules of the department of education and 1231  
workforce or the department of public safety. 1232

(D) The department of public safety shall adopt and 1233  
enforce rules relating to the issuance of a license under 1234  
section 4511.763 of the Revised Code. The rules may relate to 1235  
the condition of the equipment to be operated; the liability and 1236  
property damage insurance carried by the applicant; the posting 1237  
of satisfactory and sufficient bond; and such other rules as the 1238  
director of public safety determines reasonably necessary for 1239  
the safety of the pupils to be transported. 1240

(E) A chartered nonpublic school or a community school may 1241  
own and operate, or contract with a vendor that supplies, a 1242  
vehicle originally designed for not more than nine passengers, 1243  
not including the driver, to transport students to and from 1244  
regularly scheduled school sessions when one of the following 1245  
applies: 1246

(1) A student's school district of residence has declared 1247  
the transportation of the student impractical pursuant to 1248  
section 3327.02 of the Revised Code; 1249

(2) A student does not live within thirty minutes of the 1250  
chartered nonpublic school or the community school, as 1251  
applicable, and the student's school district is not required to 1252  
transport the student under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code; 1253

(3) The governing authority of the chartered nonpublic 1254  
school or the community school has offered to provide the 1255  
transportation for its students in lieu of the students being 1256  
transported by their school district of residence. 1257

(F) A school district may own and operate, or contract 1258  
with a vendor that supplies, a vehicle originally designed for 1259

not more than nine passengers, not including the driver, to 1260  
transport students to and from regularly scheduled school 1261  
sessions, if both of the following apply to the operation of 1262  
that vehicle: 1263

(1) The number of students to be transported is not more 1264  
than nine; 1265

(2) The students attend a chartered nonpublic school or a 1266  
community school, and the school district regularly transports 1267  
students to that chartered nonpublic school or that community 1268  
school. 1269

(G) A school district or the governing authority of a 1270  
chartered nonpublic school or community school that uses a 1271  
vehicle originally designed for not more than nine passengers, 1272  
not including the driver, in accordance with division (E) or (F) 1273  
of this section, shall ensure that all of the following apply to 1274  
the operation of that vehicle: 1275

(1) A qualified mechanic inspects the vehicle not fewer 1276  
than two times each year and determines that it is safe for 1277  
pupil transportation; 1278

(2) The driver of the vehicle does not stop on the roadway 1279  
to load or unload passengers; 1280

(3) The driver of the vehicle meets the requirements 1281  
specified for a driver of a school bus or motor van under 1282  
section 3327.10 of the Revised Code and any corresponding rules 1283  
adopted by the department of education and workforce. 1284  
Notwithstanding that section or any department rules to the 1285  
contrary, the driver is not required to have a commercial 1286  
driver's license but shall have a current, valid driver's 1287  
license, and shall be accustomed to operating the vehicle used 1288

to transport the students; 1289

(4) The driver and all passengers in the vehicle comply 1290  
with the requirements of sections 4511.81 and 4513.263 of the 1291  
Revised Code, as applicable. 1292

~~(H)~~(H) (1) An entity responsible for operation of a school 1293  
bus may purchase, install, operate, and maintain school bus 1294  
cameras, including school bus violation detection monitoring 1295  
systems, on its new or currently owned and operated school 1296  
buses. Alternatively, the entity may contract with a private 1297  
vendor to purchase, install, operate, and maintain such cameras 1298  
and systems on the school buses. 1299

(2) An entity that uses school bus violation detection 1300  
monitoring systems, either on its own or through a contract with 1301  
a private vendor, shall do both of the following: 1302

(a) Ensure that all of the entity's school buses with a 1303  
regular transportation route are outfitted with a school bus 1304  
violation detection monitoring system before commencing a civil 1305  
penalty system in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 1306  
of the Revised Code; 1307

(b) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with the 1308  
appropriate local law enforcement agency to ensure review of the 1309  
recorded images captured by the school bus violation detection 1310  
monitoring systems, reimbursement of review expenses, and 1311  
appropriate enforcement support. 1312

(I) As used in this section, "vehicle used for pupil 1313  
transportation" means any vehicle that is identified as such by 1314  
the department of education and workforce by rule and that is 1315  
subject to Chapter 3301-83 of the Administrative Code. 1316

~~(I)~~(J) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 1317

whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 1318  
If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded 1319  
guilty to one or more violations of this section or section 1320  
4511.63, 4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77, or 4511.79 of 1321  
the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially 1322  
similar to any of those sections, whoever violates this section 1323  
is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 1324

**Section 2.** That existing sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 1325  
4503.12, 4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 of the Revised Code are 1326  
hereby repealed. 1327

**Section 3.** This act shall be known as the School Bus 1328  
Safety Act. 1329