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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MAY 6, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for general requirements for  
3 school buses.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 4552 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 4552. General requirements for school buses.

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10 (b.2) Use of front crossing arm.--Every school bus shall be  
11 equipped with a front crossing arm on the front bumper of the  
12 vehicle. The front crossing arm shall be automatically activated  
13 whenever the bus is stopped with the red visual signals in use  
14 and shall itself contain a flashing red light connected to the  
15 same circuits as the red visual signals. The front crossing arm  
16 is mandated according to the following schedule:

17 (1) School buses may be equipped with and use a front

1 crossing arm on July 1, 1997.

2 (2) Every new school bus purchased and manufactured  
3 after July 1, 1998, shall be equipped with a front crossing  
4 arm.

5 (3) By July 1, 2001, every school bus shall be equipped  
6 with a front crossing arm.

7 The department shall adopt regulations implementing this  
8 subsection.

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10 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.