
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY CORMAN, STOUT AND WENGER, OCTOBER 6, 1997

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, OCTOBER 6, 1997

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 19 through 25, 1997, as "School
2 Bus Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There are over 24,000 school buses registered in
4 this Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, These buses transported nearly 1.5 million students
6 to and from school during the 1995-1996 school year, traveling
7 over 300 million miles; and

8 WHEREAS, There have been over 3,000 accidents involving
9 school buses in the past five years; and

10 WHEREAS, Over 5,000 drivers have been convicted for passing
11 stopped school buses in the past five years; and

12 WHEREAS, PennDOT, the Pennsylvania State Police, the
13 Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, the Pennsylvania
14 School Bus Association, the Pupil Transportation Association of
15 Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Association of School Business
16 Officials are planning a proactive Statewide enforcement
17 campaign during National School Bus Safety Week; and

18 WHEREAS, Operation Safe Stop aims to increase public

1 awareness of the danger to children when school buses are passed
2 during loading and unloading; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police and local police
4 officers will be targeting bus routes with high incidence of
5 illegal pass-bys and ticketing every motorist who passes a
6 school bus displaying flashing red lights; and

7 WHEREAS, PennDOT will be aggressively promoting a brochure
8 concerning Pennsylvania's school bus stopping law, distributing
9 brochures in both public and nonpublic schools throughout this
10 Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, All Pennsylvanians need to be aware of the dangers
12 of passing school buses displaying flashing red lights;
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 19
15 through 25, 1997, as "School Bus Safety Week" in Pennsylvania
16 and urge all drivers in this Commonwealth to drive more safely
17 whenever school children are present.