

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1549 Session of
2007

INTRODUCED BY KORTZ, BELFANTI, BLACKWELL, BRENNAN, CAPPELLI,
CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DeLUCA, DePASQUALE, FABRIZIO, FRANKEL,
FREEMAN, GRELL, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, W. KELLER, KIRKLAND,
KULA, LEVDANSKY, MAHONEY, MANN, McGEEHAN, MILNE, MURT,
PETRARCA, SAYLOR, SCHRODER, SIPTROTH, K. SMITH, SONNEY,
THOMAS, VULAKOVICH AND WALKO, JUNE 18, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 18, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
5 laws relating thereto," prohibiting certain unsafe operation
6 of school buses.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
10 as the Public School Code of 1949, is amended by adding a
11 section to read:

12 Section 1361.1. Unsafe Operation of School Buses.--(a) The
13 consumption of food or beverage or use of cellular or other
14 wireless telephones by school bus drivers while operating a
15 school bus is prohibited.

16 (b) The prohibition contained in subsection (a) shall not
17 apply when the school bus is parked in a safe area off a
18 trafficway as defined in 75 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to

1 definitions) or in an emergency situation.

2 (c) Penalty.--A person who violates this section commits a
3 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of one
4 hundred dollars (\$100). The fine shall be three hundred dollars
5 (\$300) if the violation causes a vehicular accident.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.