
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 476 Session of
2018

INTRODUCED BY RAFFERTY, SABATINA, REGAN, GREENLEAF, BOSCOLA,
BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, RESCHENTHALER, HUGHES, EICHELBERGER,
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SCHWANK AND YUDICHAK, OCTOBER 16, 2018

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 16, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 22 through 26, 2018, as "School
2 Bus Safety Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "School Bus Safety Week" is recognized across the
4 United States to raise awareness and address the importance of
5 school bus safety; and

6 WHEREAS, Nationally, school bus ridership has grown to more
7 than 26 million and continues to provide a safe, critical
8 transportation service for children and teenagers in school; and

9 WHEREAS, The school bus remains the safest way to travel to
10 and from school; and

11 WHEREAS, Students are approximately 70 times more likely to
12 get to school safely if they take the school bus instead of
13 traveling by car; and

14 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, school bus safety is a top
15 priority for the 1.5 million children who are transported on our
16 roads each day; and

1 WHEREAS, Students, parents, school officials, school bus
2 drivers and the motoring public all play an integral role in
3 keeping our children safe while on or around the school bus; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law requires
5 motorists to obey the following:

6 (1) Stop when meeting or overtaking a stopped school bus
7 with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended.

8 (2) Stop when approaching an intersection where a school
9 bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm
10 extended.

11 (3) Stop at least 10 feet away from a school bus.

12 (4) Wait until the red lights have stopped flashing and
13 the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.

14 (5) Wait until all children have reached a place of
15 safety;

16 and

17 WHEREAS, Failure to obey the School Bus Stopping Law subjects
18 offenders to a 60-day license suspension, 5 points on the
19 offender's driving record and a \$250 fine; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 22
21 through 26, 2018, as "School Bus Safety Week" in Pennsylvania;
22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate address the importance of school
24 bus safety to ensure our children return home safely each day.