

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 80

Session of 1997

INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS, THOMAS, FARGO, GEIST, HENNESSEY, MILLER, E. Z. TAYLOR, ROBERTS, BELARDI, TULLI, YOUNGBLOOD, FEESE, OLASZ, BOSCOLA, TRAVAGLIO, READSHAW, TIGUE, TRELLO, McCALL, PETTIT, SHANER, HALUSKA, MUNDY, CURRY, HERSHEY, BUNT, DEMPSEY, RAMOS, SCHULER, KENNEY, HERMAN, BROWN, SEMMEL, PLATTS, EGOLF, FICHTER, KAISER, MASLAND, STABACK, ALLEN, J. TAYLOR, DENT, BARD, McGEEHAN, SAINATO, RUBLEY, HUTCHINSON, FAIRCHILD, HESS, BAKER, BROWNE, ITKIN, SATHER, WOJNAROSKI, DIGIROLAMO, LYNCH, STERN, TRUE, LUCYK, C. WILLIAMS, BELFANTI, ROSS, CORPORA AND DALLY, JANUARY 28, 1997

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, APRIL 9, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title TITLES 18 (Crimes and Offenses) AND 75 (VEHICLES) <—
2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the
3 offense of unauthorized school bus entry; AND FURTHER <—
4 PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE DUTY OF A
5 DRIVER WHEN APPROACHING A SCHOOL BUS DISPLAYING FLASHING RED
6 SIGNAL LIGHTS.

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

9 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
10 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

11 § 5516. Unauthorized school bus entry.

12 (a) Offense defined.--A person who enters a school bus
13 without prior authorization of the driver or a school official
14 with intent to commit a crime or disrupt or interfere with the
15 driver or a person who enters a school bus without prior

1 authorization of the driver or a school official who refuses to
2 disembark after being ordered to do so by the driver commits a
3 misdemeanor of the third degree.

4 (b) Notice.--A school district may place a notice at the
5 entrance of the school bus that warns against unauthorized
6 entry.

7 SECTION 2. SECTION 3345(J) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO READ: <—

8 § 3345. MEETING OR OVERTAKING SCHOOL BUS.

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10 (J) PENALTY.--[ANY PERSON VIOLATING] A PERSON WHO VIOLATES
11 SUBSECTION (A) OR (F.1) [IS GUILTY OF] COMMITS A SUMMARY OFFENSE
12 AND SHALL, UPON CONVICTION, BE SENTENCED TO PAY A FINE OF [\\$100]
13 \\$500.

14 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL APPLY TO OFFENSES COMMITTED ON OR
15 AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

16 Section ~~2~~ 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <—