
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 302 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY EICHELBERGER, MCGARRIGLE, RESCHENTHALER,
GREENLEAF, COSTA, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, MENSCH, FOLMER,
WARD, VULAKOVICH AND BROWNE, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in rules of the road in general, further providing
3 for meeting or overtaking school bus; and providing for use
4 of bus for transportation of children for nonschool purposes.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3345(f) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 3345. Meeting or overtaking school bus.

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11 (f) Operation for nonschool purposes.--When a school bus is
12 being operated upon a highway for purposes other than the actual
13 transportation of school children to or from school or in
14 connection with school activities, all markings indicating
15 "SCHOOL BUS" shall be covered or concealed. During such
16 operation, the flashing visual signals shall not be actuated,
17 except as set forth in section 3345.1 (relating to use of bus
18 for transportation of children for nonschool purposes).

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2 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

3 § 3345.1. Use of bus for transportation of children for
4 nonschool purposes.

5 (a) General rule.--Whenever a bus that is operated for the
6 transportation of persons not for hire and for which neither a
7 certificate of public convenience from the Pennsylvania Public
8 Utility Commission nor certification of approval from the
9 Interstate Commerce Commission is required, is being used upon a
10 highway or trafficway for the transportation of school-age
11 children exclusively and the bus is equipped with red signal
12 lights or a stop arm, or both, the driver of the bus may actuate
13 the signal lights or stop arm, or both, in the same manner set
14 forth in section 3345 (relating to meeting or overtaking school
15 bus) for the transportation of school children. The driver of a
16 vehicle approaching the bus shall have the same duties regarding
17 stopping, passing and overtaking as he does with respect to a
18 school bus carrying school children.

19 (b) Penalty.--A person who violates this section commits a
20 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay
21 a fine of \$250.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.