



**House Public Safety and Homeland Security Reported
Substitute for HB211**

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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to traffic infractions; to amend Section 12-12-56, Code of Alabama 1975; to require law enforcement **make a reasonable effort** to notify the parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian when citing a minor for traffic infractions; **to provide exceptions;** and to make nonsubstantive, technical revisions to update the existing code language to current style.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "TJ's Law."

Section 2. Section 12-12-56, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§12-12-56

(a) No law enforcement officer or other officer or public employee shall dispose of a uniform traffic ticket and complaint, or any portion thereof, or the record of issuance thereof, in a manner other than as required under rules ~~or~~ ~~regulations promulgated~~ adopted pursuant to this ~~subsection~~ article.

(b) Any person who solicits or aids in the disposition



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29 or attempted disposition of a uniform traffic ticket and
30 complaint, or any portion thereof, in any unauthorized manner
31 is subject to the criminal contempt power of the district or
32 municipal court.

33 (c) If a minor under 19 years of age is cited for any
34 traffic infraction, the citing agency shall make a reasonable
35 effort to notify the minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal
36 custodian of the infraction unless the minor has been
37 emancipated by court order or operation of law. Nothing in
38 this subsection shall impose tort liability upon a citing
39 agency or any officer, employee, or agent of the citing
40 agency."

41 Section 3. This act shall become effective on October
42 1, 2024.