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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1144

5 By: Representative McElroy  
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AN  
9 AUTOMATED SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMERA; TO USE A  
10 PHOTOGRAPH OR VIDEO AS EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC  
11 VIOLATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION AND  
16 OPERATION OF AN AUTOMATED SCHOOL BUS  
17 SAFETY CAMERA; AND TO USE A PHOTOGRAPH OR  
18 VIDEO AS EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC  
19 VIOLATIONS.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 19, Subchapter 1, is amended  
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 6-19-130. Automated school bus safety camera.

27 (a) As used in this section, "automated school bus safety camera"  
28 means a device that is affixed to a school bus and is synchronized to  
29 automatically record video or one (1) or more sequenced photographs of a  
30 motor vehicle passing a school bus in violation of § 27-51-1004.

31 (b) A public school district or an open enrollment public charter  
32 school may:

33 (1) Install and operate an automated school bus safety camera on  
34 a school bus; and

35 (2) Enter into a contract with a private vendor to install and  
36 operate the automated school bus safety camera.



1 (c) A public school district or an open enrollment public charter  
2 school that uses automated school bus safety cameras shall provide a video or  
3 photograph recorded by an automated school bus safety camera for use as  
4 evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding for a violation of an offense  
5 under § 27-51-1001 et seq. when requested by an investigating law enforcement  
6 agency.

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1001, concerning the penalties for a  
9 traffic violation involving a school bus, is amended to add an additional  
10 subsection to read as follows:

11 (c) A photograph or video recorded by an automated school bus safety  
12 camera authorized by § 6-19-130:

13 (1) Is admissible as evidence in a criminal or civil proceeding  
14 to the extent permitted by the rules of evidence of this state; and

15 (2) Is not required for the prosecution of a violation of an  
16 offense under this subchapter.

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/s/McElroy

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