

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HB 1284:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 5 of Article 22 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 and Title 40 of the Official Code of  
2 Georgia Annotated, relating to school buses for elementary and secondary education and  
3 motor vehicles and traffic, respectively, so as to provide suggested standards for the  
4 establishment of school bus routes; to enhance the criminal penalties for meeting or  
5 overtaking a school bus; to provide for notification to insurance carriers upon issuance of a  
6 second or subsequent civil monetary penalty for such violations; to provide for submission  
7 of contact information for motor vehicle insurers; to provide for a short title; to provide for  
8 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Addy's Law."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 Part 5 of Article 22 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
14 relating to school buses for elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a  
15 new Code section to read as follows:

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16 "20-2-1128.  
17 In establishing routes for school buses, a public school system shall consider routes that do  
18 not have stops requiring a student entering the school bus to cross a roadway with a speed  
19 limit of 40 miles per hour or greater."

20 **SECTION 3.**

21 Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicles and traffic, is  
22 amended in Code Section 40-2-137, relating to notice of insurance coverage and termination,  
23 lapses in insurance coverage, and insurance coverage for active duty military personnel, by  
24 revising subparagraph (b)(1)(A) as follows:

25 "(b)(1)(A) For purposes of aiding in the enforcement of the requirement of minimum  
26 motor vehicle liability insurance, any insurer issuing or renewing in this state any  
27 policy of motor vehicle liability insurance required by Chapter 34 of Title 33 other than  
28 a fleet policy shall within 30 days after the date the insurance agent binds the coverage  
29 or on the date such coverage was renewed, whichever is applicable, provide notice of  
30 such insurance coverage by electronic transmission to the department; except that once  
31 coverage data has been electronically transmitted to the department, there shall be no  
32 requirement to report on subsequent renewals of that coverage. Insurance coverage  
33 information included in such notice of issue or renewal shall be limited exclusively to  
34 name and contact information of insurer; vehicle identification number; the make and  
35 year of the insured motor vehicle; and policy effective date. The department shall not  
36 require the policy limits to be disclosed for purposes of this subparagraph. For the  
37 purposes of this Code section, the vehicle identification number shall be the vehicle  
38 identification number as that number is shown in the records of the department. For the  
39 purposes of this Code section, the Commissioner of Insurance shall furnish such notices  
40 to the department upon issuance of a certificate of self-insurance."

41 **SECTION 4.**

42 Said title is further amended in Code Section 40-6-163, relating to duty of driver of vehicle  
43 meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for  
44 violations captured by school bus camera, by revising subsection (a) and paragraph (4) of  
45 subsection (d) as follows:

46 "(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this Code section, the driver of a vehicle  
47 meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus stopped on the highway shall  
48 stop before reaching such school bus when there are in operation on the school bus the  
49 visual signals as specified in Code Sections 40-8-111 and 40-8-115, and such driver shall  
50 not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no longer  
51 actuated. A violation of this subsection for which a driver has been issued a uniform traffic  
52 citation shall be punished as for a high and aggravated misdemeanor and upon conviction  
53 thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 or by  
54 confinement for not more than 12 months, or both."

55 "(4) A violation for which a civil penalty is imposed pursuant to this subsection shall not  
56 be considered a moving traffic violation for the purpose of points assessment under Code  
57 Section 40-5-57. Such violation shall be deemed noncriminal, and imposition of a civil  
58 penalty pursuant to this subsection shall not be deemed a conviction and shall not be  
59 made a part of the operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed,  
60 nor shall it be used for any insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance  
61 coverage; provided, however, that upon any second or subsequent violation in the same  
62 jurisdiction, the law enforcement agency shall request insurance coverage information  
63 for such owner from the records or data base of the Department of Revenue and send  
64 notice of the violations to the insurer of the motor vehicle."

65 **SECTION 5.**

66 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.