

SENATE BILL No. 403

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-21-12-20.

Synopsis: School bus route safety. Provides that the governing body of a public or accredited nonpublic elementary school may not authorize a school bus driver to load or unload a student at a location that requires the student to cross a roadway if the roadway: (1) is a U.S. route or state route; or (2) has a speed limit that exceeds 50 miles per hour. Provides that a governing body may request a waiver for a particular stop for a period not to exceed one year by submitting a request to the state school bus committee.

Effective: July 1, 2019.

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January 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-12-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2019]: **Sec. 20. (a) The governing body of a public or accredited**
4 **nonpublic elementary school (as defined by IC 20-18-2-4) may not**
5 **authorize a school bus driver to load or unload a student at a**
6 **location that requires the student to cross a roadway if the**
7 **roadway:**
8 (1) is a U.S. route or state route; or
9 (2) has a speed limit that exceeds fifty (50) miles per hour.
10 (b) The governing body of a public or accredited nonpublic
11 elementary school (as defined in IC 20-18-2-4) may request a
12 waiver for a particular school bus stop, for a period not to exceed
13 one (1) year, from the requirements described in subsection (a) by
14 submitting a request to the state school bus committee established
15 by IC 20-27-3-1 in a manner prescribed by the state school bus
16 committee. The state school bus committee may grant a waiver
17 under this subsection if:



- 1 **(1) the school either:**
- 2 **(A) demonstrates an undue hardship on the school to**
- 3 **comply with the requirements described in subsection (a)**
- 4 **in order to load or unload a student at a particular stop; or**
- 5 **(B) submits an enhanced safety plan to the state school bus**
- 6 **committee to demonstrate that a student may be loaded**
- 7 **and unloaded safely at a particular stop;**
- 8 **(2) the state school bus committee considers the safety of the**
- 9 **student; and**
- 10 **(3) the state school bus committee requires the school bus to**
- 11 **display documentation prescribed by the state school bus**
- 12 **committee to verify that a waiver has been granted under this**
- 13 **subsection.**

