

Senate Bill 25

By: Senator Heath of the 31st

**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty  
2 of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil  
3 monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, so as to clarify when the  
4 driver of a vehicle need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus; to provide for related  
5 matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty of driver  
10 of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary  
11 penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, is amended by revising subsection (b)  
12 as follows:

13 "(b) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways ~~or a divided highway,~~  
14 ~~including, but not limited to, a highway divided by a turn lane; that are separated by a grass~~  
15 median, unpaved area, or physical barrier need not stop upon meeting or passing a school  
16 bus which is on ~~a different the separate roadway or on another half of a divided highway,~~  
17 or upon a controlled access highway when the school bus is stopped in a loading zone  
18 which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to  
19 cross the roadway."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 Any violation of subsection (b) of Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia  
22 Annotated shall be adjudicated and punished based upon such subsection as it existed at the  
23 time the violation was committed.

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 This Act shall become effective upon approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its  
26 becoming law without such approval.

27 **SECTION 4.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.