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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; appropriating money for a school bus safety education
1.3 campaign.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; SCHOOL BUS SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

1.6 (a) \$50,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of public safety for an education and awareness campaign on motor vehicles passing school
1.8 buses. This is a onetime appropriation.

1.9 (b) The campaign must be designed to: (1) help reduce occurrences of motor vehicles
1.10 unlawfully passing school buses; and (2) inform drivers about the safety of pupils boarding
1.11 and unloading from school buses, including (i) laws requiring a motor vehicle to stop when
1.12 a school bus has extended the stop-signal arm and is flashing red lights, and (ii) penalties
1.13 for violations. When developing the campaign, the commissioner must identify best practices,
1.14 review effective communication methods to educate drivers, and consider multiple forms
1.15 of media to convey the information.