

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 3404

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

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Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to transportation; prohibiting location of school bus stops in right-turn
 1.3 lanes except under specified conditions; requiring use of prewarning amber
 1.4 signals, flashing red signals, and stop-signal arms when stopping in right-turn
 1.5 lanes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.443, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.443, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 2. **Use of stop-signal arm.** (a) The stop-signal arm system of a school bus
 1.9 must be used in conjunction with the flashing red signals only when the school bus is
 1.10 stopped on a street or highway to load or unload school children.

1.11 (b) A local authority, including the governing body of an Indian tribe, may by
 1.12 ordinance require that a school bus activate the stop-signal arm system and flashing red
 1.13 signals while stopped to unload school children at a location other than a location on a
 1.14 street or highway. The ordinance must designate each location where the requirement is
 1.15 imposed. The requirement is effective only if the local authority has erected signs at
 1.16 or near the location to provide adequate notice that other vehicles are required to obey
 1.17 section 169.444, subdivision 1, when those signals are activated.

1.18 (c) A school bus driver shall not load or unload passengers in a designated right-turn
 1.19 lane or in a lane immediately adjacent to a designated right-turn lane unless:

1.20 (1) a school bus stop designated by the district transportation safety director is
 1.21 located in the right-turn lane;

1.22 (2) no pupil is required to cross the street on which the bus stop is located where
 1.23 the crossing leads directly to or from the school bus stop;

1.24 (3) the driver stops the bus at the extreme right side of the lane; and

2.1 (4) the driver activates the prewarning flashing amber signals, flashing red
2.2 signals, and stop-arm signal, unless the school board or its designee, based on safety
2.3 considerations, has directed the driver not to do so in writing.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016.

2.5 Sec. 2. **RULE CHANGE.**

2.6 The commissioner of public safety shall amend Minnesota Rules, part 7470.1000,
2.7 subpart 2, so that it is consistent with section 1, using the good cause procedure under
2.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.