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Committee:

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to school buses; to amend section 60-6,175,
- 2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to change
- 3 provisions relating to operation of school buses; and to
- 4 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-6,175, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

3 60-6,175 (1) Upon meeting or overtaking, from the front
4 or rear, any school bus on which the yellow warning signal lights are
5 flashing, the driver of a motor vehicle shall reduce the speed of
6 such vehicle to not more than twenty-five miles per hour, shall bring
7 such vehicle to a complete stop when the school bus is stopped, the
8 stop signal arm is extended, and the flashing red signal lights are
9 turned on, and shall remain stopped until the flashing red signal
10 lights are turned off, the stop signal arm is retracted, and the
11 school bus resumes motion. This section shall not apply to
12 approaching traffic in the opposite direction on a divided highway or
13 to approaching traffic when there is displayed a sign as provided in
14 subsection (8) of this section directing traffic to proceed. Any
15 person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a Class IV
16 misdemeanor, shall be fined five hundred dollars, and shall be
17 assessed points on his or her motor vehicle operator's license
18 pursuant to section 60-4,182.

19 (2) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section,
20 the driver of any school bus, when stopping to receive or discharge
21 pupils, shall turn on flashing yellow warning signal lights at a
22 distance of not less than three hundred feet when inside the
23 corporate limits of any city or village and not less than five
24 hundred feet nor more than one thousand feet in any area outside the
25 corporate limits of any city or village from the point where such

1 pupils are to be received or discharged from the bus. At the point of
2 receiving or discharging pupils, the bus driver shall bring the
3 school bus to a stop, extend a stop signal arm, and turn on the
4 flashing red signal lights. After receiving or discharging pupils,
5 the bus driver shall turn off the flashing red signal lights, retract
6 the stop signal arm, and then proceed on the route.

7 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this
8 subsection, no school bus shall stop to load or unload pupils outside
9 of the corporate limits of any city or village or on any part of the
10 state highway system within the corporate limits of a city or
11 village, unless there is at least four hundred feet of clear vision
12 in each direction of travel.

13 (b) If four hundred feet of clear vision in each
14 direction of travel is not possible as determined by the school
15 district, a school bus may stop to load or unload pupils if there is
16 proper signage installed indicating that a school bus stop is ahead.

17 (4) All pupils shall be received and discharged from the
18 right front entrance of every school bus. If such pupils must cross a
19 roadway, the bus driver shall instruct such pupils to cross in front
20 of the school bus and the bus driver shall keep such school bus
21 halted with the flashing red signal lights turned on and the stop
22 signal arm extended until such pupils have reached the opposite side
23 of such roadway.

24 (5) The driver of a vehicle upon a divided highway need
25 not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different

1 roadway or when upon a freeway and such school bus is stopped in a
2 loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where
3 pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

4 (6) Every school bus shall bear upon the front and rear
5 thereof plainly visible signs containing the words school bus in
6 letters not less than eight inches high.

7 (7) When a school bus is being operated upon a highway
8 for purposes other than the actual transportation of children either
9 to or from school or school-sponsored activities, all markings
10 thereon indicating school bus shall be covered or concealed. The stop
11 signal arm and system of flashing yellow warning signal lights and
12 flashing red signal lights shall not be operable through the usual
13 controls.

14 (8) When a school bus is (a) parked in a designated
15 school bus loading area which is out of the flow of traffic and which
16 is adjacent to a school site or (b) parked on a roadway which
17 possesses more than one lane of traffic flowing in the same direction
18 and which is adjacent to a school site, the bus driver shall engage
19 only the hazard warning flasher lights when receiving or discharging
20 pupils if a school bus loading area warning sign is displayed. Such
21 signs shall not be directly attached to any school bus but shall be
22 free standing and placed at the rear of a parked school bus or line
23 of parked school buses. No school district shall utilize a school bus
24 loading area warning sign unless such sign complies with the
25 requirements of section 60-6,176.

1 Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,175, Revised Statutes
2 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.