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A BILL

To amend sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 1
4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76; to amend, for 2
the purpose of adopting a new section number as 3
indicated in parentheses, section 4511.751 4
(4511.752); and to enact new section 4511.751 5
and sections 5.501, 4511.753, 4511.754, 6
4511.755, 4511.756, and 4511.757 of the Revised 7
Code to authorize a civil penalty system related 8
to drivers who illegally pass a school bus but 9
cannot be identified, to designate the month of 10
October as "School Bus Safety Awareness Month," 11
and to designate this act as the School Bus 12
Safety Act. 13

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 4503.12, 14
4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 be amended; section 4511.751 15
(4511.752) be amended for the purpose of adopting a new section 16
number as indicated in parentheses; and new section 4511.751 and 17
sections 5.501, 4511.753, 4511.754, 4511.755, 4511.756, and 18

4511.757 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 19

Sec. 5.501. The month of October is designated as "School 20
Bus Safety Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of the 21
need to properly stop when a stopped school bus is loading and 22
unloading passengers. 23

Sec. 4503.10. (A) The owner of every snowmobile, off- 24
highway motorcycle, and all-purpose vehicle required to be 25
registered under section 4519.02 of the Revised Code shall file 26
an application for registration under section 4519.03 of the 27
Revised Code. The owner of a motor vehicle, other than a 28
snowmobile, off-highway motorcycle, or all-purpose vehicle, that 29
is not designed and constructed by the manufacturer for 30
operation on a street or highway may not register it under this 31
chapter except upon certification of inspection pursuant to 32
section 4513.02 of the Revised Code by the sheriff, or the chief 33
of police of the municipal corporation or township, with 34
jurisdiction over the political subdivision in which the owner 35
of the motor vehicle resides. Except as provided in sections 36
4503.103 and 4503.107 of the Revised Code, every owner of every 37
other motor vehicle not previously described in this section and 38
every person mentioned as owner in the last certificate of title 39
of a motor vehicle that is operated or driven upon the public 40
roads or highways shall cause to be filed each year, by mail or 41
otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles or a 42
deputy registrar, a written or electronic application or a 43
preprinted registration renewal notice issued under section 44
4503.102 of the Revised Code, the form of which shall be 45
prescribed by the registrar, for registration for the following 46
registration year, which shall begin on the first day of January 47
of every calendar year and end on the thirty-first day of 48
December in the same year. Applications for registration and 49

registration renewal notices shall be filed at the times 50
established by the registrar pursuant to section 4503.101 of the 51
Revised Code. A motor vehicle owner also may elect to apply for 52
or renew a motor vehicle registration by electronic means using 53
electronic signature in accordance with rules adopted by the 54
registrar. Except as provided in division (J) of this section, 55
applications for registration shall be made on blanks furnished 56
by the registrar for that purpose, containing the following 57
information: 58

(1) A brief description of the motor vehicle to be 59
registered, including the year, make, model, and vehicle 60
identification number, and, in the case of commercial cars, the 61
gross weight of the vehicle fully equipped computed in the 62
manner prescribed in section 4503.08 of the Revised Code; 63

(2) The name and residence address of the owner, and the 64
township and municipal corporation in which the owner resides; 65

(3) The district of registration, which shall be 66
determined as follows: 67

(a) In case the motor vehicle to be registered is used for 68
hire or principally in connection with any established business 69
or branch business, conducted at a particular place, the 70
district of registration is the municipal corporation in which 71
that place is located or, if not located in any municipal 72
corporation, the county and township in which that place is 73
located. 74

(b) In case the vehicle is not so used, the district of 75
registration is the municipal corporation or county in which the 76
owner resides at the time of making the application. 77

(4) Whether the motor vehicle is a new or used motor 78

vehicle;	79
(5) The date of purchase of the motor vehicle;	80
(6) Whether the fees required to be paid for the	81
registration or transfer of the motor vehicle, during the	82
preceding registration year and during the preceding period of	83
the current registration year, have been paid. Each application	84
for registration shall be signed by the owner, either manually	85
or by electronic signature, or pursuant to obtaining a limited	86
power of attorney authorized by the registrar for registration,	87
or other document authorizing such signature. If the owner	88
elects to apply for or renew the motor vehicle registration with	89
the registrar by electronic means, the owner's manual signature	90
is not required.	91
(7) The owner's social security number, driver's license	92
number, or state identification number, or, where a motor	93
vehicle to be registered is used for hire or principally in	94
connection with any established business, the owner's federal	95
taxpayer identification number. The bureau of motor vehicles	96
shall retain in its records all social security numbers provided	97
under this section, but the bureau shall not place social	98
security numbers on motor vehicle certificates of registration.	99
(8) Whether the applicant wishes to certify willingness to	100
make an anatomical gift if an applicant has not so certified	101
under section 2108.05 of the Revised Code. The applicant's	102
response shall not be considered in the decision of whether to	103
approve the application for registration.	104
(B) (1) When an applicant first registers a motor vehicle	105
in the applicant's name, the applicant shall provide proof of	106
ownership of that motor vehicle. Proof of ownership may include	107

any of the following:	108
(a) The applicant may present for inspection a physical certificate of title or memorandum certificate showing title to the motor vehicle to be registered in the name of the applicant.	109 110 111
(b) The applicant may present for inspection an electronic certificate of title for the applicant's motor vehicle in a manner prescribed by rules adopted by the registrar.	112 113 114
(c) The registrar or deputy registrar may electronically confirm the applicant's ownership of the motor vehicle.	115 116
An applicant is not required to present a certificate of title to an electronic motor vehicle dealer acting as a limited authority deputy registrar in accordance with rules adopted by the registrar.	117 118 119 120
(2) When a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it, each application for registration for a vehicle required to be inspected under that section and those rules shall be accompanied by an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle issued in accordance with that section.	121 122 123 124 125 126
(3) An application for registration shall be refused if any of the following applies:	127 128
(a) The application is not in proper form.	129
(b) The application is prohibited from being accepted by division (D) of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, <u>division (D) of section 4511.756,</u> division (B) (1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 of the Revised Code.	130 131 132 133 134 135

(c) Proof of ownership is required but is not presented or confirmed in accordance with division (B) (1) of this section.	136 137
(d) All registration and transfer fees for the motor vehicle, for the preceding year or the preceding period of the current registration year, have not been paid.	138 139 140
(e) The owner or lessee does not have an inspection certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, and rules adopted under it, if that section is applicable.	141 142 143 144
(4) This section does not require the payment of license or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any preceding year, or for any preceding period of a year, if the motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year or period under sections 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, and 4503.16 or Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code.	145 146 147 148 149 150
(5) When a certificate of registration is issued upon the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the owner, the official issuing the certificate shall indicate the issuance with a stamp on the certificate of title or memorandum certificate or, in the case of an electronic certificate of title or electronic verification of ownership, an electronic stamp or other notation as specified in rules adopted by the registrar, and with a stamp on the inspection certificate for the motor vehicle, if any.	151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159
(6) The official also shall indicate, by a stamp or by other means the registrar prescribes, on the registration certificate issued upon the first registration of a motor vehicle by or on behalf of the owner the odometer reading of the motor vehicle as shown in the odometer statement included in or	160 161 162 163 164

attached to the certificate of title. Upon each subsequent 165
registration of the motor vehicle by or on behalf of the same 166
owner, the official also shall so indicate the odometer reading 167
of the motor vehicle as shown on the immediately preceding 168
certificate of registration. 169

(7) The registrar shall include in the permanent 170
registration record of any vehicle required to be inspected 171
under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code the inspection 172
certificate number from the inspection certificate that is 173
presented at the time of registration of the vehicle as required 174
under this division. 175

(C) (1) Except as otherwise provided in division (C) (1) of 176
this section, the registrar and each deputy registrar shall 177
collect an additional fee of eleven dollars for each application 178
for registration and registration renewal received. For vehicles 179
specified in divisions (A) (1) to (21) of section 4503.042 of the 180
Revised Code, the registrar and deputy registrar shall collect 181
an additional fee of thirty dollars for each application for 182
registration and registration renewal received. No additional 183
fee shall be charged for vehicles registered under section 184
4503.65 of the Revised Code. The additional fee is for the 185
purpose of defraying the department of public safety's costs 186
associated with the administration and enforcement of the motor 187
vehicle and traffic laws of Ohio. Each deputy registrar shall 188
transmit the fees collected under divisions (C) (1) and (3) of 189
this section in the time and manner provided in this section. 190
The registrar shall deposit all moneys received under division 191
(C) (1) of this section into the public safety - highway purposes 192
fund established in section 4501.06 of the Revised Code. 193

(2) In addition, a charge of twenty-five cents shall be 194

made for each reflectorized safety license plate issued, and a 195
single charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for each county 196
identification sticker or each set of county identification 197
stickers issued, as the case may be, to cover the cost of 198
producing the license plates and stickers, including material, 199
manufacturing, and administrative costs. Those fees shall be in 200
addition to the license tax. If the total cost of producing the 201
plates is less than twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total 202
cost of producing the stickers is less than twenty-five cents 203
per sticker or per set issued, any excess moneys accruing from 204
the fees shall be distributed in the same manner as provided by 205
section 4501.04 of the Revised Code for the distribution of 206
license tax moneys. If the total cost of producing the plates 207
exceeds twenty-five cents per plate, or if the total cost of 208
producing the stickers exceeds twenty-five cents per sticker or 209
per set issued, the difference shall be paid from the license 210
tax moneys collected pursuant to section 4503.02 of the Revised 211
Code. 212

(3) The registrar and each deputy registrar shall collect 213
the following additional fee, as applicable, for each 214
application for registration or registration renewal received 215
for any hybrid motor vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric motor 216
vehicle, or battery electric motor vehicle: 217

(a) One hundred dollars for a hybrid motor vehicle; 218

(b) One hundred fifty dollars for a plug-in hybrid 219
electric motor vehicle; 220

(c) Two hundred dollars for a battery electric motor 221
vehicle. 222

Each fee imposed under this division shall be prorated 223

based on the number of months for which the vehicle is 224
registered. The registrar shall transmit all money arising from 225
each fee to the treasurer of state for distribution in 226
accordance with division (E) of section 5735.051 of the Revised 227
Code, subject to division (D) of section 5735.05 of the Revised 228
Code. 229

(D) Each deputy registrar shall be allowed a fee equal to 230
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 231
Code for each application for registration and registration 232
renewal notice the deputy registrar receives, which shall be for 233
the purpose of compensating the deputy registrar for the deputy 234
registrar's services, and such office and rental expenses, as 235
may be necessary for the proper discharge of the deputy 236
registrar's duties in the receiving of applications and renewal 237
notices and the issuing of registrations. 238

(E) Upon the certification of the registrar, the county 239
sheriff or local police officials shall recover license plates 240
erroneously or fraudulently issued. 241

(F) Each deputy registrar, upon receipt of any application 242
for registration or registration renewal notice, together with 243
the license fee and any local motor vehicle license tax levied 244
pursuant to Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, shall transmit 245
that fee and tax, if any, in the manner provided in this 246
section, together with the original and duplicate copy of the 247
application, to the registrar. The registrar, subject to the 248
approval of the director of public safety, may deposit the funds 249
collected by those deputies in a local bank or depository to the 250
credit of the "state of Ohio, bureau of motor vehicles." Where a 251
local bank or depository has been designated by the registrar, 252
each deputy registrar shall deposit all moneys collected by the 253

deputy registrar into that bank or depository not more than one 254
business day after their collection and shall make reports to 255
the registrar of the amounts so deposited, together with any 256
other information, some of which may be prescribed by the 257
treasurer of state, as the registrar may require and as 258
prescribed by the registrar by rule. The registrar, within three 259
days after receipt of notification of the deposit of funds by a 260
deputy registrar in a local bank or depository, shall draw on 261
that account in favor of the treasurer of state. The registrar, 262
subject to the approval of the director and the treasurer of 263
state, may make reasonable rules necessary for the prompt 264
transmittal of fees and for safeguarding the interests of the 265
state and of counties, townships, municipal corporations, and 266
transportation improvement districts levying local motor vehicle 267
license taxes. The registrar may pay service charges usually 268
collected by banks and depositories for such service. If deputy 269
registrars are located in communities where banking facilities 270
are not available, they shall transmit the fees forthwith, by 271
money order or otherwise, as the registrar, by rule approved by 272
the director and the treasurer of state, may prescribe. The 273
registrar may pay the usual and customary fees for such service. 274

(G) This section does not prevent any person from making 275
an application for a motor vehicle license directly to the 276
registrar by mail, by electronic means, or in person at any of 277
the registrar's offices, upon payment of a service fee equal to 278
the amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised 279
Code for each application. 280

(H) No person shall make a false statement as to the 281
district of registration in an application required by division 282
(A) of this section. Violation of this division is falsification 283
under section 2921.13 of the Revised Code and punishable as 284

specified in that section. 285

(I) (1) Where applicable, the requirements of division (B) 286
of this section relating to the presentation of an inspection 287
certificate issued under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and 288
rules adopted under it for a motor vehicle, the refusal of a 289
license for failure to present an inspection certificate, and 290
the stamping of the inspection certificate by the official 291
issuing the certificate of registration apply to the 292
registration of and issuance of license plates for a motor 293
vehicle under sections 4503.102, 4503.12, 4503.14, 4503.15, 294
4503.16, 4503.171, 4503.172, 4503.19, 4503.40, 4503.41, 4503.42, 295
4503.43, 4503.44, 4503.46, 4503.47, and 4503.51 of the Revised 296
Code. 297

(2) (a) The registrar shall adopt rules ensuring that each 298
owner registering a motor vehicle in a county where a motor 299
vehicle inspection and maintenance program is in effect under 300
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it 301
receives information about the requirements established in that 302
section and those rules and about the need in those counties to 303
present an inspection certificate with an application for 304
registration or preregistration. 305

(b) Upon request, the registrar shall provide the director 306
of environmental protection, or any person that has been awarded 307
a contract under section 3704.14 of the Revised Code, an on-line 308
computer data link to registration information for all passenger 309
cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars that are 310
subject to that section. The registrar also shall provide to the 311
director of environmental protection a magnetic data tape 312
containing registration information regarding passenger cars, 313
noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars for which a 314

multi-year registration is in effect under section 4503.103 of 315
the Revised Code or rules adopted under it, including, without 316
limitation, the date of issuance of the multi-year registration, 317
the registration deadline established under rules adopted under 318
section 4503.101 of the Revised Code that was applicable in the 319
year in which the multi-year registration was issued, and the 320
registration deadline for renewal of the multi-year 321
registration. 322

(J) Subject to division (K) of this section, application 323
for registration under the international registration plan, as 324
set forth in sections 4503.60 to 4503.66 of the Revised Code, 325
shall be made to the registrar on forms furnished by the 326
registrar. In accordance with international registration plan 327
guidelines and pursuant to rules adopted by the registrar, the 328
forms shall include the following: 329

(1) A uniform mileage schedule; 330

(2) The gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combined 331
gross vehicle weight of the combination vehicle as declared by 332
the registrant; 333

(3) Any other information the registrar requires by rule. 334

(K) The registrar shall determine the feasibility of 335
implementing an electronic commercial fleet licensing and 336
management program that will enable the owners of commercial 337
tractors, commercial trailers, and commercial semitrailers to 338
conduct electronic transactions by July 1, 2010, or sooner. If 339
the registrar determines that implementing such a program is 340
feasible, the registrar shall adopt new rules under this 341
division or amend existing rules adopted under this division as 342
necessary in order to respond to advances in technology. 343

If international registration plan guidelines and 344
provisions allow member jurisdictions to permit applications for 345
registrations under the international registration plan to be 346
made via the internet, the rules the registrar adopts under this 347
division shall permit such action. 348

Sec. 4503.102. (A) The registrar of motor vehicles shall 349
adopt rules to establish a centralized system of motor vehicle 350
registration renewal by mail or by electronic means. Any person 351
owning a motor vehicle that was registered in the person's name 352
during the preceding registration year shall renew the 353
registration of the motor vehicle not more than ninety days 354
prior to the expiration date of the registration either by mail 355
or by electronic means through the centralized system of 356
registration established under this section, or in person at any 357
office of the registrar or at a deputy registrar's office. 358

(B) (1) Except as provided in division (B) (2) of this 359
section, no less than forty-five days prior to the expiration 360
date of any motor vehicle registration, the registrar shall mail 361
a renewal notice to the person in whose name the motor vehicle 362
is registered. The renewal notice shall clearly state that the 363
registration of the motor vehicle may be renewed by mail or 364
electronic means through the centralized system of registration 365
or in person at any office of the registrar or at a deputy 366
registrar's office and shall be preprinted with information 367
including, but not limited to, the owner's name and residence 368
address as shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles, 369
a brief description of the motor vehicle to be registered, 370
notice of the license taxes and fees due on the motor vehicle, 371
the toll-free telephone number of the registrar as required 372
under division (D) (1) of section 4503.031 of the Revised Code, a 373
statement that payment for a renewal may be made by financial 374

transaction device using the toll-free telephone number, and any 375
additional information the registrar may require by rule. The 376
renewal notice shall not include the social security number of 377
either the owner of the motor vehicle or the person in whose 378
name the motor vehicle is registered. The renewal notice shall 379
be sent by regular mail to the owner's last known address as 380
shown in the records of the bureau of motor vehicles. 381

(2) The registrar is not required to mail a renewal notice 382
if either of the following applies: 383

(a) The owner of the vehicle has consented to receiving 384
the renewal notice by electronic means only. 385

(b) The application for renewal of the registration of a 386
motor vehicle is prohibited from being accepted by the registrar 387
or a deputy registrar by division (D) of section 2935.27, 388
division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of section 389
4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division (D) of 390
section 4511.756, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 of the 391
Revised Code. 392

(3) If the owner of a motor vehicle has consented to 393
receiving a renewal notice by electronic means only, the 394
registrar shall send an electronic renewal notice to the owner 395
that contains the information specified in division (B) (1) of 396
this section at the time specified under that division. 397

(C) The owner of the motor vehicle shall verify the 398
information contained in the notice, sign it either manually or 399
by electronic means, and return it, either by mail or electronic 400
means, or the owner may take it in person to any office of the 401
registrar or of a deputy registrar. The owner shall include with 402
the notice a financial transaction device number when renewing 403

in person or by electronic means but not by mail, check, or 404
money order in the amount of the registration taxes and fees 405
payable on the motor vehicle and a service fee equal to the 406
amount established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, 407
plus postage as indicated on the notice if the registration is 408
renewed or fulfilled by mail, and an inspection certificate for 409
the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 of the Revised 410
Code. For purposes of the centralized system of motor vehicle 411
registration, the registrar shall accept payments via the toll- 412
free telephone number established under division (D) (1) of 413
section 4503.031 of the Revised Code for renewals made by mail. 414
If the motor vehicle owner chooses to renew the motor vehicle 415
registration by electronic means, the owner shall proceed in 416
accordance with the rules the registrar adopts. 417

(D) If all registration and transfer fees for the motor 418
vehicle for the preceding year or the preceding period of the 419
current registration year have not been paid, if division (D) of 420
section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) 421
of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, division 422
(D) of section 4511.756, or division (B) (1) of section 4521.10 423
of the Revised Code prohibits acceptance of the renewal notice, 424
or if the owner or lessee does not have an inspection 425
certificate for the motor vehicle as provided in section 3704.14 426
of the Revised Code, if that section is applicable, the license 427
shall be refused, and the registrar or deputy registrar shall so 428
notify the owner. This section does not require the payment of 429
license or registration taxes on a motor vehicle for any 430
preceding year, or for any preceding period of a year, if the 431
motor vehicle was not taxable for that preceding year or period 432
under section 4503.02, 4503.04, 4503.11, 4503.12, or 4503.16 or 433
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code. 434

(E) (1) Failure to receive a renewal notice does not 435
relieve a motor vehicle owner from the responsibility to renew 436
the registration for the motor vehicle. Any person who has a 437
motor vehicle registered in this state and who does not receive 438
a renewal notice as provided in division (B) of this section 439
prior to the expiration date of the registration shall request 440
an application for registration from the registrar or a deputy 441
registrar and sign the application manually or by electronic 442
means and submit the application and pay any applicable license 443
taxes and fees to the registrar or deputy registrar. 444

(2) If the owner of a motor vehicle submits an application 445
for registration and the registrar is prohibited by division (D) 446
of section 2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division 447
(A) of section 4503.13, division (B) of section 4510.22, 448
division (D) of section 4511.756, or division (B) (1) of section 449
4521.10 of the Revised Code from accepting the application, the 450
registrar shall return the application and the payment to the 451
owner. If the owner of a motor vehicle submits a registration 452
renewal application to the registrar by electronic means and the 453
registrar is prohibited from accepting the application as 454
provided in this division, the registrar shall notify the owner 455
of this fact and deny the application and return the payment or 456
give a credit on the financial transaction device account of the 457
owner in the manner the registrar prescribes by rule adopted 458
pursuant to division (A) of this section. 459

(F) Every deputy registrar shall post in a prominent place 460
at the deputy's office a notice informing the public of the mail 461
registration system required by this section and also shall post 462
a notice that every owner of a motor vehicle and every chauffeur 463
holding a certificate of registration is required to notify the 464
registrar in writing of any change of residence within ten days 465

after the change occurs. The notice shall be in such form as the registrar prescribes by rule. 466
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(G) The service fee equal to the amount established under 468
section 4503.038 of the Revised Code that is collected from a 469
person who renews a motor vehicle registration by electronic 470
means or by mail, plus postage collected by the registrar and 471
any financial transaction device surcharge collected by the 472
registrar, shall be paid to the credit of the public safety - 473
highway purposes fund established by section 4501.06 of the 474
Revised Code. 475

(H) (1) Pursuant to section 113.40 of the Revised Code, the 476
registrar shall implement a program permitting payment of motor 477
vehicle registration taxes and fees, driver's license and 478
commercial driver's license fees, and any other taxes, fees, 479
penalties, or charges imposed or levied by the state by means of 480
a financial transaction device for transactions occurring 481
online, at any office of the registrar, and at all deputy 482
registrar locations. The program shall take effect not later 483
than July 1, 2016. The registrar shall adopt rules as necessary 484
for this purpose, but all such rules are subject to any action, 485
policy, or procedure of the board of deposit or treasurer of 486
state taken or adopted under section 113.40 of the Revised Code. 487

(2) The rules adopted under division (H) (1) of this 488
section shall require a deputy registrar to accept payments by 489
means of a financial transaction device beginning on the 490
effective date of the rules unless the deputy registrar contract 491
entered into by the deputy registrar prohibits the acceptance of 492
such payments by financial transaction device. However, 493
commencing with deputy registrar contract awards that have a 494
start date of July 1, 2016, and for all contract awards 495

thereafter, the registrar shall require that the proposer accept 496
payment by means of a financial transaction device, including 497
credit cards and debit cards, for all department of public 498
safety transactions conducted at that deputy registrar location. 499

The bureau and deputy registrars are not required to pay 500
any costs that result from accepting payment by means of a 501
financial transaction device. A deputy registrar may charge a 502
person who tenders payment for a department transaction by means 503
of a financial transaction device any cost the deputy registrar 504
incurs from accepting payment by the financial transaction 505
device, but the deputy registrar shall not require the person to 506
pay any additional fee of any kind in connection with the use by 507
the person of the financial transaction device. 508

(3) In accordance with division (H) (1) of this section and 509
rules adopted by the registrar under that division, a county 510
auditor or clerk of a court of common pleas that is designated a 511
deputy registrar shall accept payment by means of a financial 512
transaction device, including credit cards and debit cards, for 513
all department transactions conducted at the office of the 514
county auditor or clerk in the county auditor's or clerk's 515
capacity as deputy registrar. The bureau is not required to pay 516
any costs incurred by a county auditor or clerk that result from 517
accepting payment by means of a financial transaction device for 518
any department transaction. 519

(I) For persons who reside in counties where tailpipe 520
emissions inspections are required under the motor vehicle 521
inspection and maintenance program, the notice required by 522
division (B) of this section shall also include the toll-free 523
telephone number maintained by the Ohio environmental protection 524
agency to provide information concerning the locations of 525

emissions testing centers. The registrar also shall include a 526
statement in the notice that a battery electric motor vehicle is 527
not required to undergo emissions inspection under the motor 528
vehicle inspection and maintenance program established under 529
section 3704.14 of the Revised Code. 530

Sec. 4503.12. (A) Upon the transfer of ownership of a 531
motor vehicle, the registration of the motor vehicle expires, 532
and the original owner immediately shall remove the license 533
plates from the motor vehicle, except that: 534

(1) If a statutory merger or consolidation results in the 535
transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from a constituent 536
corporation to the surviving corporation, or if the 537
incorporation of a proprietorship or partnership results in the 538
transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle from the proprietorship 539
or partnership to the corporation, the registration shall be 540
continued upon the filing by the surviving or new corporation, 541
within thirty days of such transfer, of an application for an 542
amended certificate of registration. Upon a proper filing, the 543
registrar of motor vehicles shall issue an amended certificate 544
of registration in the name of the new owner. 545

(2) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results 546
in the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to the 547
surviving spouse of the owner or if a motor vehicle is owned by 548
two persons under joint ownership with right of survivorship 549
established under section 2131.12 of the Revised Code and one of 550
those persons dies, the registration shall be continued upon the 551
filing by the survivor of an application for an amended 552
certificate of registration. In relation to a motor vehicle that 553
is owned by two persons under joint ownership with right of 554
survivorship established under section 2131.12 of the Revised 555

Code, the application shall be accompanied by a copy of the 556
certificate of title that specifies that the vehicle is owned 557
under joint ownership with right of survivorship. Upon a proper 558
filing, the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of 559
registration in the name of the survivor. 560

(3) If the death of the owner of a motor vehicle results 561
in the transfer of ownership of the motor vehicle to a transfer- 562
on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries designated under section 563
2131.13 of the Revised Code, the registration shall be continued 564
upon the filing by the transfer-on-death beneficiary or 565
beneficiaries of an application for an amended certificate of 566
registration. The application shall be accompanied by a copy of 567
the certificate of title that specifies that the owner of the 568
motor vehicle has designated the motor vehicle in beneficiary 569
form under section 2131.13 of the Revised Code. Upon a proper 570
filing, the registrar shall issue an amended certificate of 571
registration in the name of the transfer-on-death beneficiary or 572
beneficiaries. 573

(4) If the original owner of a motor vehicle that has been 574
transferred makes application for the registration of another 575
motor vehicle at any time during the remainder of the 576
registration period for which the transferred motor vehicle was 577
registered, the owner may file an application for transfer of 578
the registration and, where applicable, the license plates. The 579
transfer of the registration and, where applicable, the license 580
plates from the motor vehicle for which they originally were 581
issued to a succeeding motor vehicle purchased by the same 582
person in whose name the original registration and license 583
plates were issued shall be done within a period not to exceed 584
thirty days. During that thirty-day period, the license plates 585
from the motor vehicle for which they originally were issued may 586

be displayed on the succeeding motor vehicle, and the succeeding 587
motor vehicle may be operated on the public roads and highways 588
in this state. 589

At the time of application for transfer, the registrar 590
shall compute and collect the amount of tax due on the 591
succeeding motor vehicle, based upon the amount that would be 592
due on a new registration as of the date on which the transfer 593
is made less a credit for the unused portion of the original 594
registration beginning on that date. If the credit exceeds the 595
amount of tax due on the new registration, no refund shall be 596
made. In computing the amount of tax due and credits to be 597
allowed under this division, the provisions of division (B)(1) 598
(a) and (b) of section 4503.11 of the Revised Code shall apply. 599
As to passenger cars, noncommercial vehicles, motor homes, and 600
motorcycles, transfers within or between these classes of motor 601
vehicles only shall be allowed. If the succeeding motor vehicle 602
is of a different class than the motor vehicle for which the 603
registration originally was issued, new license plates also 604
shall be issued upon the surrender of the license plates 605
originally issued and payment of the fees provided in divisions 606
(C) and (D) of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code. 607

(5) The owner of a commercial car having a gross vehicle 608
weight or combined gross vehicle weight of more than ten 609
thousand pounds may transfer the registration of that commercial 610
car to another commercial car the owner owns without 611
transferring ownership of the first commercial car. At any time 612
during the remainder of the registration period for which the 613
first commercial car was registered, the owner may file an 614
application for the transfer of the registration and, where 615
applicable, the license plates, accompanied by the certificate 616
of registration of the first commercial car. The amount of any 617

tax due or credit to be allowed for a transfer of registration 618
under this division shall be computed in accordance with 619
division (A) (4) of this section. 620

No commercial car to which a registration is transferred 621
under this division shall be operated on a public road or 622
highway in this state until after the transfer of registration 623
is completed in accordance with this division. 624

(6) Upon application to the registrar or a deputy 625
registrar, a person who owns or leases a motor vehicle may 626
transfer special license plates assigned to that vehicle to any 627
other vehicle that the person owns or leases or that is owned or 628
leased by the person's spouse. As appropriate, the application 629
also shall be accompanied by a power of attorney for the 630
registration of a leased vehicle and a written statement 631
releasing the special plates to the applicant. Upon a proper 632
filing, the registrar or deputy registrar shall assign the 633
special license plates to the motor vehicle owned or leased by 634
the applicant and issue a new certificate of registration for 635
that motor vehicle. 636

(7) If a corporation transfers the ownership of a motor 637
vehicle to an affiliated corporation, the affiliated corporation 638
may apply to the registrar for the transfer of the registration 639
and any license plates. The registrar may require the applicant 640
to submit documentation of the corporate relationship and shall 641
determine whether the application for registration transfer is 642
made in good faith and not for the purposes of circumventing the 643
provisions of this chapter. Upon a proper filing, the registrar 644
shall issue an amended certificate of registration in the name 645
of the new owner. 646

(B) An application under division (A) of this section 647

shall be accompanied by a service fee equal to the amount 648
established under section 4503.038 of the Revised Code, a 649
transfer fee of one dollar, and the original certificate of 650
registration, if applicable. 651

(C) Neither the registrar nor a deputy registrar shall 652
transfer a registration under division (A) of this section if 653
the registration is prohibited by division (D) of section 654
2935.27, division (A) of section 2937.221, division (A) of 655
section 4503.13, division (D) of section 4503.234, division (B) 656
of section 4510.22, division (D) of section 4511.756, division 657
(B) (1) of section 4521.10, or division (B) of section 5537.041 658
of the Revised Code. 659

(D) Whoever violates division (A) of this section is 660
guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 661

(E) As used in division (A) (6) of this section, "special 662
license plates" means either of the following: 663

(1) Any license plates for which the person to whom the 664
license plates are issued must pay an additional fee in excess 665
of the fees prescribed in section 4503.04 of the Revised Code, 666
Chapter 4504. of the Revised Code, and the service fee 667
prescribed in division (D) or (G) of section 4503.10 of the 668
Revised Code; 669

(2) License plates issued under section 4503.44 of the 670
Revised Code. 671

Sec. 4511.75. ~~(A)~~ (A) (1) The driver of a vehicle, 672
streetcar, or trackless trolley upon meeting or overtaking from 673
either direction any school bus stopped for the purpose of 674
receiving or discharging any school child, person attending 675
programs offered by community boards of mental health and county 676

boards of developmental disabilities, or child attending a 677
program offered by a head start agency, shall stop at least ten 678
feet from the front or rear of the school bus and shall not 679
proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until signaled 680
by the school bus driver or a law enforcement officer to 681
proceed. 682

(2) It is no defense to a charge under ~~this~~ division (A) 683
(1) of this section that the school bus involved failed to 684
display or be equipped with an automatically extended stop 685
warning sign as required by division (B) of this section. 686

(B) Every school bus shall be equipped with amber and red 687
visual signals meeting the requirements of section 4511.771 of 688
the Revised Code, and an automatically extended stop warning 689
sign of a type approved by the department of education and 690
workforce, which shall be actuated by the driver of the bus 691
whenever but only whenever the bus is stopped or stopping on the 692
roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school 693
children, persons attending programs offered by community boards 694
of mental health and county boards of developmental 695
disabilities, or children attending programs offered by head 696
start agencies. A school bus driver shall not actuate the visual 697
signals or the stop warning sign in designated school bus 698
loading areas where the bus is entirely off the roadway or at 699
school buildings when children or persons attending programs 700
offered by community boards of mental health and county boards 701
of developmental disabilities are loading or unloading at 702
curbside or at buildings when children attending programs 703
offered by head start agencies are loading or unloading at 704
curbside. The visual signals and stop warning sign shall be 705
synchronized or otherwise operated as required by rule of the 706
board. 707

(C) Where a highway has been divided into four or more traffic lanes, a driver of a vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley need not stop for a school bus approaching from the opposite direction which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school child, persons attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and county boards of developmental disabilities, or children attending programs offered by head start agencies. The driver of any vehicle, streetcar, or trackless trolley overtaking the school bus shall comply with division (A) of this section.

(D) School buses operating on divided highways or on highways with four or more traffic lanes shall receive and discharge all school children, persons attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and county boards of developmental disabilities, and children attending programs offered by head start agencies on their residence side of the highway.

(E) No school bus driver shall start the driver's bus until after any child, person attending programs offered by community boards of mental health and county boards of developmental disabilities, or child attending a program offered by a head start agency who may have alighted therefrom has reached a place of safety on the child's or person's residence side of the road.

(F) (1) ~~Whoever~~ Except as provided in division (F) (3) of this section, whoever violates division (A) of this section may be fined an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars. A person who is issued a citation for a violation of division (A) of this section is not permitted to enter a written plea of guilty and waive the person's right to contest the citation in a trial but

instead must appear in person in the proper court to answer the charge. 738
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(2) ~~In~~ Except as provided in division (F)(3) of this 740
section, in addition to and independent of any other penalty 741
provided by law, the court or mayor may impose upon an offender 742
who violates this section a class seven suspension of the 743
offender's driver's license, commercial driver's license, 744
temporary instruction permit, probationary license, or 745
nonresident operating privilege from the range specified in 746
division (A)(7) of section 4510.02 of the Revised Code. When a 747
license is suspended under this section, the court or mayor 748
shall cause the offender to deliver the license to the court, 749
and the court or clerk of the court immediately shall forward 750
the license to the registrar of motor vehicles, together with 751
notice of the court's action. 752

(3) If the identity of the driver of a vehicle that is the 753
subject of a violation of division (A) of this section cannot be 754
established through investigation or otherwise, the registered 755
owner of a vehicle may be fined a civil penalty of not more than 756
three hundred dollars in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 757
4511.757 of the Revised Code when that owner's vehicle is used 758
to commit a violation of division (A) of this section. 759

(G) As used in this section: 760

(1) "Head start agency" has the same meaning as in section 761
3301.32 of the Revised Code. 762

(2) "School bus," as used in relation to children who 763
attend a program offered by a head start agency, means a bus 764
that is owned and operated by a head start agency, is equipped 765
with an automatically extended stop warning sign of a type 766

approved by the department, is painted the color and displays 767
the markings described in section 4511.77 of the Revised Code, 768
and is equipped with amber and red visual signals meeting the 769
requirements of section 4511.771 of the Revised Code, 770
irrespective of whether or not the bus has fifteen or more 771
children aboard at any time. "School bus" does not include a van 772
owned and operated by a head start agency, irrespective of its 773
color, lights, or markings. 774

Sec. 4511.751. As used in sections 4511.751 to 4511.757 775
and section 4511.76 of the Revised Code: 776

(A) "Designated party" means the person whom a registered 777
owner of a vehicle identifies as the person who was operating 778
the owner's vehicle at the time of a school bus violation. 779

(B) "Entity responsible for operation of the school bus" 780
means the applicable board of education of a city, local or 781
exempted village school district, the governing board of an 782
educational service center, a county board of developmental 783
disabilities, or the governing authority of a chartered 784
nonpublic school, community school established under Chapter 785
3314. of the Revised Code, STEM school established under Chapter 786
3326. of the Revised Code, or head start program that is 787
responsible for the operation of the school bus on which a 788
school bus violation detection monitoring system is installed. 789

(C) "Law enforcement officer" means a sheriff, deputy 790
sheriff, marshal, deputy marshal, school resource officer, 791
police officer of a police department of any municipal 792
corporation, police constable of any township, or police officer 793
of a township or joint police district who is employed on a 794
permanent, full-time basis by a law enforcement agency. 795

<u>(D) "License plate" includes any temporary motor vehicle</u>	796
<u>license registration issued under section 4503.182 of the</u>	797
<u>Revised Code or similar law of another jurisdiction.</u>	798
<u>(E) "Motor vehicle dealer" has the same meaning as in</u>	799
<u>section 4517.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	800
<u>(F) "Motor vehicle renting dealer" has the same meaning as</u>	801
<u>in section 4549.65 of the Revised Code.</u>	802
<u>(G) "Notice of violation" means a traffic ticket,</u>	803
<u>citation, summons, or other ticket issued in response to an</u>	804
<u>alleged school bus violation detected by a school bus violation</u>	805
<u>detection monitoring system that represents a civil violation.</u>	806
<u>(H) "Recorded images" means either of the following,</u>	807
<u>recorded by a school bus violation detection monitoring system,</u>	808
<u>when they are sufficiently clear and show, on at least one image</u>	809
<u>or on a portion of the videotape, the rear of a vehicle and the</u>	810
<u>letters and numerals on the rear license plate of the vehicle:</u>	811
<u>(1) Two or more photographs, microphotographs, electronic</u>	812
<u>images, or digital images;</u>	813
<u>(2) Videotape.</u>	814
<u>(I) "Registered owner" means all of the following:</u>	815
<u>(1) Any person or entity identified by the bureau of motor</u>	816
<u>vehicles or any other state motor vehicle registration bureau,</u>	817
<u>department, or office as the owner of a vehicle;</u>	818
<u>(2) The lessee of a vehicle under a lease of six months or</u>	819
<u>longer;</u>	820
<u>(3) The renter of a vehicle pursuant to a written rental</u>	821
<u>agreement with a motor vehicle renting dealer.</u>	822

(J) "School bus violation detection monitoring system" 823
means a camera system affixed to a school bus that consists of 824
two or more camera sensors or computers that can produce 825
recorded images. 826

(K) "School bus violation" means a violation of division 827
(A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code, or a substantially 828
equivalent municipal ordinance, when division (E) of section 829
4511.752 of the Revised Code applies. 830

~~**Sec. 4511.751 4511.752.** As used in this section, "license-~~ 831
~~plate" includes, but is not limited to, any temporary motor-~~ 832
~~vehicle license registration issued under section 4503.182 of-~~ 833
~~the Revised Code or similar law of another jurisdiction.~~ 834

(A) When the operator of a school bus believes that a 835
motorist has violated division (A) of section 4511.75 of the 836
Revised Code, the operator shall~~may~~ report the license plate 837
number and a general description of the vehicle and of the 838
operator of the vehicle to the law enforcement agency exercising 839
jurisdiction over the area where the alleged violation occurred. 840

(B) The information contained in the report relating to 841
the license plate number and to the general description of the 842
vehicle and the operator of the vehicle at the time of the 843
alleged violation may be supplied or corroborated by any person 844
with first-hand knowledge of the information. Information ~~of-~~ 845
~~which the operator of the school bus has first hand knowledge-~~ 846
contained in the report also may be supplied or corroborated by 847
~~any other person~~ an entity responsible for operation of a school 848
bus or its contracted private vendor, through an image, images, 849
or video recorded by a school bus camera, including a school bus 850
violation detection monitoring system, installed pursuant to 851
section 4511.76 of the Revised Code. 852

(C) (1) Upon receipt of the report of the alleged violation 853
of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code, the law 854
enforcement agency ~~shall~~ may conduct an investigation to attempt 855
to determine or confirm the following: 856

(a) The license plate number, the color, and the make and 857
model of the vehicle; 858

(b) The date, approximate time, and location of the 859
alleged violation; 860

(c) The identity of the operator of the vehicle at the 861
time of the alleged violation. 862

(2) The law enforcement agency may use a sufficiently 863
clear image, images, or video provided by a school bus violation 864
detection monitoring system installed pursuant to section 865
4511.76 of the Revised Code to determine the information 866
specified in division (C) (1) of this section. 867

(D) If the identity of the operator at the time of the 868
alleged violation is established, the reporting of the license 869
plate number of the vehicle shall establish probable cause for 870
the law enforcement agency to issue a criminal citation for the 871
violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised 872
Code. ~~However, if~~ 873

(E) If the identity of the operator of the vehicle at the 874
time of the alleged violation cannot be established, the law 875
enforcement agency ~~shall issue a warning~~ may do one of the 876
following: 877

(1) Issue a notice of violation for a civil penalty of not 878
more than three hundred dollars to the registered owner of the 879
vehicle at the time of the alleged violation, ~~except in the case 880
of a leased or rented vehicle when the warning shall be issued~~ 881

~~to the lessee at the time of the alleged violation in accordance~~ 882
~~with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised Code.~~ 883

(2) Issue a warning to the registered owner of the vehicle 884
at the time of the alleged violation. 885

(F) A law enforcement agency shall not issue both a 886
criminal citation and a civil notice of violation for a single 887
instance of a violation of division (A) of section 4511.75 of 888
the Revised Code. 889

(G) The registrar of motor vehicles and deputy registrars 890
shall, at the time of issuing license plates to any person, 891
include with the license plate a summary of the requirements of 892
division (A) of section 4511.75 of the Revised Code and the 893
procedures of, and penalty in, division (F) of section 4511.75 894
of the Revised Code. 895

(H) For purposes of enforcing section 4511.75 of the 896
Revised Code under this section, the state highway patrol may 897
issue a criminal citation under division (D) of this section, 898
but shall not issue a notice of violation for a civil violation 899
under division (E) of this section. If the identity of the 900
operator of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation 901
cannot be established, the state highway patrol may issue a 902
warning to the registered owner of the vehicle at the time of 903
the alleged violation. 904

Sec. 4511.753. (A) When a law enforcement agency receives 905
a report under division (A) or (B) of section 4511.752 of the 906
Revised Code, and the identity of the operator of the vehicle at 907
the time of the alleged violation cannot be established, the law 908
enforcement agency may use any lawful means to identify the 909
registered owner for purposes of issuing a notice of violation 910

under this section to that owner if all of the following are 911
shown on the image recorded by a school bus violation detection 912
monitoring system: 913

(1) The school bus violation; 914

(2) The date and time of the violation; 915

(3) The electronic red light visual signals or stop 916
warning sign to demonstrate that such signals and sign were 917
actuated; 918

(4) The letter and numerals on the license plate of the 919
vehicle involved and the state that issued the license plate. 920

(B) (1) After the identification of the registered owner 921
under division (A) of this section and within thirty days of the 922
school bus violation, the law enforcement agency may issue and 923
send by regular mail in a clearly marked envelope that includes 924
the citing law enforcement agency on the envelope a notice of 925
violation charging the registered owner with the violation. 926

(2) A school bus violation for which a notice of violation 927
is issued by a law enforcement agency based on evidence recorded 928
by a school bus violation detection monitoring system is a civil 929
violation. The law enforcement agency shall issue the notice of 930
violation in accordance with the requirements of section 931
4511.754 of the Revised Code. The civil penalty for the notice 932
of violation shall be not more than three hundred dollars. 933

(C) A law enforcement agency that mails a notice of 934
violation charging the registered owner with the school bus 935
violation shall, without unnecessary delay, file a certified 936
copy of the notice of violation with the municipal court or 937
county court with jurisdiction over the civil action. 938

(D) A certified copy of the notice of violation alleging a school bus violation, sworn to or affirmed by a law enforcement officer employed by the law enforcement agency, including by electronic means, and the recorded images produced by the school bus violation detection monitoring system, is prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein and is admissible in a civil action or proceeding concerning the notice of violation issued under this section. 939
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Sec. 4511.754. A law enforcement agency shall ensure that a notice of violation for a school bus violation sent under section 4511.753 of the Revised Code contains all of the following: 947
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(A) The name and address of the registered owner; 951

(B) The letters and numerals appearing on the license plate issued to the vehicle; 952
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(C) The school bus violation charged; 954

(D) A statement that the violation was recorded by a school bus violation detection monitoring system; 955
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(E) The date and time of the violation; 957

(F) A copy of the recorded images; 958

(G) The amount of the civil penalty imposed, the date by which the civil penalty is required to be paid, and the address of the municipal court or county court with jurisdiction over the civil action to which the payment is to be sent; 959
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(H) A statement signed by a law enforcement officer indicating that, based on an inspection of the recorded images, the vehicle was involved in a school bus violation and the recorded images are prima facie evidence of that school bus 963
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violation. The law enforcement officer may sign the statement 967
electronically. 968

(I) Information advising the person or entity alleged to 969
be liable of the options prescribed in section 4511.755 of the 970
Revised Code. The law enforcement agency shall include with the 971
information the time, place, and manner in which the person or 972
entity may appear in court to contest the violation and notice 973
of violation and the procedure for disclaiming liability by 974
submitting an affidavit to the municipal court or county court 975
as prescribed in section 4511.755 of the Revised Code. 976

(J) A warning that failure to exercise one of the options 977
prescribed in section 4511.755 of the Revised Code is deemed to 978
be an admission of liability and waiver of the opportunity to 979
contest the violation. 980

Sec. 4511.755. A person or entity who receives a notice of 981
violation for a civil violation sent under section 4511.753 of 982
the Revised Code shall elect to do one of the following: 983

(A) In accordance with instructions on the notice of 984
violation, pay the civil penalty, thereby admitting liability 985
and waiving the opportunity to contest the violation; 986

(B) (1) Within thirty days after receipt of the notice of 987
violation, provide the municipal court or county court with 988
jurisdiction over the civil action with either of the following 989
affidavits: 990

(a) An affidavit executed by the registered owner and the 991
operator of the vehicle at the time of the violation identifying 992
that operator as the designated party who may be held liable for 993
the violation, and containing at a minimum the name and address 994
of that designated party; 995

(b) An affidavit executed by the registered owner stating 996
that at the time of the violation, the vehicle or the license 997
plates issued to the vehicle were stolen and therefore were in 998
the care, custody, or control of some person or entity to whom 999
the registered owner did not grant permission to use the 1000
vehicle. To demonstrate that the vehicle or the license plates 1001
were stolen prior to the school bus violation and therefore were 1002
not under the control or possession of the registered owner at 1003
the time of the violation, the registered owner shall submit 1004
proof that a report about the stolen vehicle or license plates 1005
was filed with the appropriate law enforcement agency prior to 1006
the violation or within forty-eight hours after the violation 1007
occurred. 1008

(2) A registered owner is not responsible for a school bus 1009
violation if, within thirty days after the date of mailing of 1010
the notice of violation, the registered owner furnishes an 1011
affidavit specified in division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this section 1012
to the court with jurisdiction in a form established by the 1013
court and the following conditions are met: 1014

(a) If the registered owner and the operator of the 1015
vehicle at the time of the violation submit an affidavit as 1016
specified in division (B) (1) (a) of this section, the operator as 1017
the designated party either accepts liability for the violation 1018
by paying the civil penalty or by failing to request a court 1019
hearing within thirty days or is determined liable in a court 1020
hearing. 1021

(b) If the registered owner submits an affidavit as 1022
specified in division (B) (1) (b) of this section, the affidavit 1023
is supported by a stolen vehicle or stolen license plate report 1024
as required in that division. 1025

(C) If the registered owner is a motor vehicle dealer or a motor vehicle renting dealer, notify the court with jurisdiction of the name and address of the customer, lessee, or renter of the vehicle at the time of the school bus violation. The court may establish the form of the notice or use a standard form of notice. A motor vehicle dealer or motor vehicle renting dealer who receives a notice of violation for an alleged school bus violation detected by a school bus violation detection monitoring system is not liable for a notice of violation issued for a vehicle that was in the care, custody, or control of a customer, lessee, or renter at the time of the alleged violation. The dealer shall not pay the fine specified on the notice of violation and subsequently attempt to collect a fee or assess the customer, lessee, or renter a charge for any payment of such a notice of violation made on behalf of the customer, lessee, or renter. 1026
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(D) If the vehicle involved in the school bus violation is a commercial motor vehicle and the notice of violation is issued to a corporate entity, provide to the court with jurisdiction an affidavit, sworn to or affirmed by an agent of the corporate entity, that provides the name and address of the employee who was operating the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation and who is the designated party; 1042
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(E) Contest the notice of violation by filing a written request for a court hearing to review the notice of violation in a form established by the court. The person shall file the written request not later than thirty days after receipt of the notice of violation. The failure to request a hearing within this time period constitutes a waiver of the right to contest the violation and notice of violation, and is deemed to constitute an admission of liability. 1049
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Sec. 4511.756. (A) (1) A court with jurisdiction that 1057
receives an affidavit described in division (B) (1) (a) or (D) of 1058
section 4511.755 of the Revised Code or a notification under 1059
division (C) of that section from a registered owner may proceed 1060
to notify the law enforcement agency to send a notice of 1061
violation that conforms with this section and section 4511.754 1062
of the Revised Code to the designated party. 1063

(2) The law enforcement agency shall send the conforming 1064
notice of violation to the designated party by ordinary mail not 1065
later than thirty days after receipt of the notification from 1066
the court. 1067

(B) (1) If, after conducting a hearing requested under 1068
division (E) of section 4511.755 of the Revised Code, the court 1069
finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the alleged school 1070
bus violation did in fact occur and that the person named in the 1071
original or any subsequent notice of violation is the person who 1072
was operating the vehicle at the time of the violation, the 1073
court shall issue a written decision imposing liability for the 1074
violation upon the individual and submit it to the law 1075
enforcement agency and the person named in the notice of 1076
violation. 1077

(2) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence 1078
that the alleged school bus violation did not occur or did in 1079
fact occur but the person named in the original or any 1080
subsequent notice of violation is not the person who was 1081
operating the vehicle at the time of the violation, the court 1082
shall issue a written decision finding that the individual is 1083
not liable for the violation and submit it to the law 1084
enforcement agency and the person named in the notice of 1085
violation. 1086

(3) If the person who requested the court hearing fails to appear, the court may determine that the person is liable for the violation or grant a continuance of the hearing. If the court determines that the person is liable, the court shall issue a written decision imposing liability for the violation upon the individual and submit it to the law enforcement agency and the person named in the notice of violation. 1087
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(C) The court shall charge the applicable court costs and fees for the civil action to the party that does not prevail in the action. 1094
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(D) (1) If a person liable for a school bus violation fails to pay the civil penalty or any applicable court costs and fees, the court may notify the registrar of motor vehicles. 1097
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(2) If the registrar receives a notice from a court under division (D) (1) of this section, neither the registrar nor any deputy registrar shall accept any application for the registration or transfer of registration of any motor vehicle owner or leased by the person named in the notice, until the registrar receives notice from the court that the civil penalty and any court costs and fees has been paid or dismissed. 1100
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Sec. 4511.757. The civil penalty charged and collected in accordance with sections 4511.753 to 4511.757 of the Revised Code shall be paid to the entity responsible for operation of the school bus. The entity shall use the proceeds for school bus safety technology initiatives. As part of those initiatives, the entity may use proceeds for the purpose of defraying the costs of purchasing, installing, operating, and maintaining the school bus violation detection monitoring systems and offsetting a law enforcement agency's costs related to reviewing recorded images and issuing the notices of violation. 1107
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Sec. 4511.76. (A) The department of public safety, by and 1117
with the advice of the department of education and workforce, 1118
shall adopt and enforce rules relating to the construction, 1119
design, and equipment of all school buses both publicly and 1120
privately owned and operated in this state, including ~~lighting~~ 1121
rules governing both of the following: 1122

(1) Lighting equipment required by section 4511.771 of the 1123
Revised Code, of all school buses both publicly and privately 1124
owned and operated in this state; 1125

(2) School bus cameras, including school bus violation 1126
detection monitoring systems, that provide an image, images, or 1127
video for purposes of recording a violation of division (A) of 1128
section 4511.75 of the Revised Code. 1129

(B) The department of education and workforce, by and with 1130
the advice of the director of public safety, shall adopt and 1131
enforce rules relating to the operation of all vehicles used for 1132
pupil transportation. 1133

(C) No person shall operate a vehicle used for pupil 1134
transportation within this state in violation of the rules of 1135
the department of education and workforce or the department of 1136
public safety. No person, being the owner thereof or having the 1137
supervisory responsibility therefor, shall permit the operation 1138
of a vehicle used for pupil transportation within this state in 1139
violation of the rules of the department of education and 1140
workforce or the department of public safety. 1141

(D) The department of public safety shall adopt and 1142
enforce rules relating to the issuance of a license under 1143
section 4511.763 of the Revised Code. The rules may relate to 1144
the condition of the equipment to be operated; the liability and 1145

property damage insurance carried by the applicant; the posting 1146
of satisfactory and sufficient bond; and such other rules as the 1147
director of public safety determines reasonably necessary for 1148
the safety of the pupils to be transported. 1149

(E) A chartered nonpublic school or a community school may 1150
own and operate, or contract with a vendor that supplies, a 1151
vehicle originally designed for not more than nine passengers, 1152
not including the driver, to transport students to and from 1153
regularly scheduled school sessions when one of the following 1154
applies: 1155

(1) A student's school district of residence has declared 1156
the transportation of the student impractical pursuant to 1157
section 3327.02 of the Revised Code; 1158

(2) A student does not live within thirty minutes of the 1159
chartered nonpublic school or the community school, as 1160
applicable, and the student's school district is not required to 1161
transport the student under section 3327.01 of the Revised Code; 1162

(3) The governing authority of the chartered nonpublic 1163
school or the community school has offered to provide the 1164
transportation for its students in lieu of the students being 1165
transported by their school district of residence. 1166

(F) A school district may own and operate, or contract 1167
with a vendor that supplies, a vehicle originally designed for 1168
not more than nine passengers, not including the driver, to 1169
transport students to and from regularly scheduled school 1170
sessions, if both of the following apply to the operation of 1171
that vehicle: 1172

(1) The number of students to be transported is not more 1173
than nine; 1174

(2) The students attend a chartered nonpublic school or a community school, and the school district regularly transports students to that chartered nonpublic school or that community school.

(G) A school district or the governing authority of a chartered nonpublic school or community school that uses a vehicle originally designed for not more than nine passengers, not including the driver, in accordance with division (E) or (F) of this section, shall ensure that all of the following apply to the operation of that vehicle:

(1) A qualified mechanic inspects the vehicle not fewer than two times each year and determines that it is safe for pupil transportation;

(2) The driver of the vehicle does not stop on the roadway to load or unload passengers;

(3) The driver of the vehicle meets the requirements specified for a driver of a school bus or motor van under section 3327.10 of the Revised Code and any corresponding rules adopted by the department of education and workforce. Notwithstanding that section or any department rules to the contrary, the driver is not required to have a commercial driver's license but shall have a current, valid driver's license, and shall be accustomed to operating the vehicle used to transport the students;

(4) The driver and all passengers in the vehicle comply with the requirements of sections 4511.81 and 4513.263 of the Revised Code, as applicable.

~~(H)~~ (H) (1) An entity responsible for operation of a school bus may purchase, install, operate, and maintain school bus

cameras, including school bus violation detection monitoring 1204
systems, on its school buses. Alternatively, the entity may 1205
contract with a private vendor to purchase, install, operate, 1206
and maintain such cameras and systems on the school buses. 1207

(2) An entity that uses school bus violation detection 1208
monitoring systems, either on its own or through a contract with 1209
a private vendor, shall enter into a memorandum of understanding 1210
with the appropriate local law enforcement agency to ensure 1211
review of the recorded images captured by the school bus 1212
violation detection monitoring systems, reimbursement of review 1213
expenses, and appropriate enforcement support. 1214

(I) As used in this section, "vehicle used for pupil 1215
transportation" means any vehicle that is identified as such by 1216
the department of education and workforce by rule and that is 1217
subject to Chapter 3301-83 of the Administrative Code. 1218

~~(I)~~ (J) Except as otherwise provided in this division, 1219
whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. 1220
If the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded 1221
guilty to one or more violations of this section or section 1222
4511.63, 4511.761, 4511.762, 4511.764, 4511.77, or 4511.79 of 1223
the Revised Code or a municipal ordinance that is substantially 1224
similar to any of those sections, whoever violates this section 1225
is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. 1226

Section 2. That existing sections 4503.10, 4503.102, 1227
4503.12, 4511.75, 4511.751, and 4511.76 of the Revised Code are 1228
hereby repealed. 1229

Section 3. This act shall be known as the School Bus 1230
Safety Act. 1231