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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2023 Senate Bill 313

**Senate
Amendment 1**

SENATE BILL 313

Current law requires the operator of a vehicle which approaches from the front or rear any school bus which has stopped and is displaying flashing red warning lights to stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator of the school bus extinguishes the flashing warning lights. Under current law, the penalty for failing to stop for a school bus as required is a forfeiture of not less than \$30 and not more than \$300.

The bill increases this penalty to a forfeiture of not less than \$300 and not more than \$1,000. The bill also requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to assess three demerit points against the driving record of a person who fails to stop for a school bus as required.

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Senate Amendment 1 requires DOT to assess four demerit points against the driving record of a person who fails to stop for a school bus as required to match the number of points currently assessed under the demerit point system. The amendment also increases the maximum forfeiture for failure to stop for an authorized emergency vehicle backing into a fire station when required from \$300 to \$500.

BILL HISTORY

Senator James offered Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 313 on August 28, 2023. On September 5, 2023, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety voted unanimously to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and passage of Senate Bill 313, as amended.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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