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This bill requires all school buses used in Minnesota that are manufactured after January 1, 2012, to be equipped with a crossing control arm on the front right bumper. The arm must be automatically activated in conjunction with flashing red lights (which under most circumstances are required to be used along with a stop-signal when loading and unloading passengers on the side of a road).

Crossing arms are designed to prevent school children from crossing a school bus in the driver's blind spot immediately in front of the bus.