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This bill amends traffic violations under Minnesota Statutes, section 169.444 - failure to stop for a school bus displaying a stop arm and illegally passing on the right of a school bus flashing amber lights.

Paragraph (a) is amended to: (1) increase the minimum fine from \$300 to \$500; and (2) require the violator to attend and complete a driver improvement clinic. Clause (1) is effective for violations on or after August 1, 2015. Clause (2) is effective for violations on or after August 1, 2016.

Paragraph (c) is added. It prohibits any agency or court from preventing a conviction under this section from appearing on a person's driving record by masking, deferring imposition of a sentence, or entering the person in a diversion program. Paragraph (c) is effective the day following final enactment.