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Overview

This bill amends the requirements around school bus stops at right-turn lanes and adjacent lanes. It largely reproduces the conditions for such stops that are established in administrative rules, but adds required use of the school bus pre-warning and stop signaling systems unless the school board or a designee directs otherwise.

Section

- 1 Use of stop-signal arm.** Sets conditions on when a school bus driver can stop to load or unload students in a designated right-turn lane, which include:
 - ▶ designation of the stop by the school district's transportation director;
 - ▶ no pupils needing to cross the street on which the bus is stopped, when going directly to or from the stop; and
 - ▶ activation of the bus's pre-warning amber lighting system as well as stop-arm and red lighting system, unless directed otherwise in writing by the school board or its designee.
- 2 Rule change.** Directs the Department of Public Safety to amend its administrative rules on school bus operation to align with the statutory changes made in section 1 of the bill. The rulemaking is under a streamlined process of the good cause exemption.