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Overview

This bill amends requirements around school bus stops located at right-turn lanes and adjacent lanes. It largely reproduces the conditions for these stops as currently established in administrative rules, but requires use of the school bus pre-warning and stop signaling systems unless the school board directs otherwise.

Section

- 1 **Laned highway.** Establishes that a school bus using its equipped stop-arm and eight-way lights system can stop in a bikeway to load and unload students.
- 2 **Use of stop-signal arm.** Sets conditions for 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; 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.
- 3 **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 2 of the bill. The rulemaking is under a streamlined process of the good cause exemption.