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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 such stops that are currently established in administrative rules, but adds required use of the school bus pre-warning and stop signaling systems unless the school board directs otherwise.

Section

1 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 or an adjacent lane, which include:

- designation of the stop by the school district's transportation director;
- no pupil needing to cross a street to get to or when leaving the bus 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.
- 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.