

Subject School bus stop-arm violations

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Overview

This bill reallocates fine revenue from school bus stopping and passing violations, makes the funds available for grants to install stop-signal arm camera systems on school buses, and provides for data practices governing data from camera systems.

Currently, the revenue from fines is distributed through multiple formulas that apply depending on the circumstances of the violation, including the location of the violation, the law enforcement agency who apprehended the violator, and whether the offense is prosecuted in court. Revenue can go to the general fund, trunk highway fund, and municipalities.

Summary

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| 1 | Violations by drivers; penalties.
Redirects revenue to a new account (established in section 3 of the bill) from fines imposed for violations by a vehicle operator related to stopping or passing a school bus that has engaged the prewarning light system or the stop-arm and red light system. |
| 2 | Violation; penalty for owner or lessee.
Redirects revenue to a new account (established in section 3 of the bill) from fines that are imposed on a vehicle owner or lessee when the vehicle is operated in violation of requirements on stopping or passing a school bus that has engaged the prewarning light system or the stop-arm and red light system. |
| 3 | Account created.
Creates a school bus stop-signal arm camera grant account to hold fine revenue from school bus stopping or passing violations. Creates a statutory appropriation of the |

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	revenue to the Department of Public Safety, for grants to schools and bus companies for stop-signal arm camera systems.
4	Data privacy. Provides for data practices on data collected through a stop-signal arm camera system, including to make it private data on individuals with specified exceptions, and to make all owners of such data subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.
5	Reporting. Directs school bus operators to report a school bus stopping or passing violation to a supervisor, and directs the supervisor to report the violation to law enforcement.



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