

Subject Stopping for school bus

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Summary

This bill modifies the conditions when a vehicle driver must stop for a school bus, to be based only on activation of the flashing red light system on the bus. The bill also establishes that a driver is warned about impending stop requirements when the school bus prewarning flashing amber light system is activated.

Under current law, a driver approaching a school bus must stop at least 20 feet away from the bus and remain stopped while the red light system is activated and the school bus stop arm is extended. (In a recent court case, an appeals court interpreted existing law as requiring a driver to stop once the stop arm is extended, not while it is in the process of extending out.)

Effective the day after enactment.