

CHAPTER 122

H.B. No. 508

An Act relating to the use of safety equipment on school buses stopping on a highway to load or unload children.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 105, Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways (Article 6701d, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) *When a school bus is being stopped or is stopped on a highway to permit school children to board or alight from the bus, the bus driver shall activate all flashing warning signal lights or other equipment on the bus designed to warn other drivers that the bus is stopping to load or unload children. It shall be unlawful for the driver of a school bus to fail to activate flashing warning signal lights or other equipment as required by this subsection. It shall also be unlawful to operate any flashing warning signal light on any school bus except when the ~~any said~~ school bus is being stopped or is stopped on a highway for the purpose of permitting school children to board or alight from the ~~said~~ school bus.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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Passed by the House on April 4, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 2, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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