Public Safety Announcement

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Passing Stopped School Bus

Just as school bus drivers get held to a higher standard than the average driver, regular drivers need to respect school buses on the road and avoid any actions that could jeopardize the safety of the children on board.

Sec. 14-279. Vehicles to stop for school bus.

On any highway or private road or in any parking area or on any school property when a school bus is displaying flashing red signal lights

The operator of any vehicle shall immediately bring such vehicle to a stop not less than ten feet from the front when approaching and not less than ten feet from the rear when overtaking or following any registered school bus.

Vehicles stopped for a school bus shall not proceed until such school bus no longer displays flashing red signal lights.

At the intersection of two or more highways vehicles may not turn toward a school bus receiving or discharging passengers.

First Offense is a $470.00 fine. Subsequent offenses will result in a misdemeanor summons, with fines up to $1,000.00 and up to 30 days in jail.