



HOUSE BILL 37 – SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

BILL SPONSOR(S)	Representative Zika, Representative Slosberg and State Affairs Committee
EFFECTIVE DATE(S)	January 1, 2021
STATUTE(S)	Amends section 318.18, Florida Statutes

SUMMARY

Increases the minimum civil penalties for violations related to the illegal passing of stopped school buses.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Increases the minimum civil penalty for failure to stop for a school bus from \$100 to \$200.
- For a subsequent offense within five years, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) must suspend the license of the driver for a minimum of 180 days and not more than one year.
- Raises the minimum civil penalty for passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit, from \$200 to \$400.
- For a subsequent offense within five years, DHSMV must suspend the license of the driver for a minimum of 360 days and not more than two years.

GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

JANUARY 1, 2021	The bill becomes effective
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