
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5114

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Bailey, Bauer, Thorsness, Erwin, Gaspard, A. Smith, Rinehart, Madsen, Talmadge, Wojahn, Rasmussen, Conner and Snyder; by request of Task Force on Student Transp. Safety).

Read first time March 7, 1991.

- 1 AN ACT Relating to student transportation; adding a new section to
- 2 chapter 46.37 RCW; and creating new sections.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.37 RCW
- 5 to read as follows:
- 6 Effective September 1, 1992, every school bus shall, in addition to
- 7 any other equipment required by this chapter, be equipped with a
- 8 crossing arm mounted to the bus that, when extended, will require
- 9 students who are crossing in front of the bus to walk more than five
- 10 feet from the front of the bus.
- 11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. By October 1, 1991, the superintendent
- 12 of public instruction shall purchase the crossing arms required in
- 13 section 1 of this act for every public school bus owned by a school
- 14 district or under contract by a school district. By March 1, 1992, the

- 1 superintendent of public instruction shall distribute, or have
- 2 distributed, the crossing arms to the school districts. Installation of
- 3 the crossing arms shall be the responsibility of the school districts.
- 4 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** The superintendent of public instruction
- 5 shall, in cooperation with at least one school district, conduct a
- 6 pilot program to test the feasibility of using video cameras inside of
- 7 school buses to reduce discipline problems and assist school bus
- 8 drivers in identifying students who create discipline problems. The
- 9 superintendent of public instruction shall report the findings to the
- 10 education committees of the house of representatives and the senate by
- 11 December 31, 1991.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
- 13 act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30,
- 14 1991, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and
- 15 void.