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A bill for an act

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relating to transportation; increasing fine for certain traffic violations around

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school buses; requiring violator to attend driver improvement clinic; amending

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Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.444, subdivision 2.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.444, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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Subd. 2. **Violations by drivers; penalties.** (a) A person who fails to stop a vehicle

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or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, is

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guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by: (1) a fine of not less than \$300 \$500; and (2) a

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requirement that the person attend and successfully complete a course of study at an

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approved driver improvement clinic or youth-oriented driver improvement clinic.

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(b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if the person fails to stop a motor

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vehicle or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a,

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and commits either or both of the following acts:

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(1) passes or attempts to pass the school bus in a motor vehicle on the right-hand,

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passenger-door side of the bus; or

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(2) passes or attempts to pass the school bus in a motor vehicle when a school child is

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outside of and on the street or highway used by the school bus or on the adjacent sidewalk.

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(c) An agency, court, or public official in Minnesota shall not mask, defer imposition

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of judgment for, or allow an individual to enter into a diversion program that would

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prevent a conviction for a violation of this subdivision from appearing on the driving

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record of a holder of a driver's license.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendment to paragraph (a), clause (1), is effective

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August 1, 2015, and applies to violations committed on and after that date. The amendment

- 2.1 to paragraph (a), clause (2), is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to violations committed
- 2.2 on and after that date. Paragraph (c) is effective the day following final enactment.