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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 2191

03/07/2019 Authored by Urdahl The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to motor vehicles; requiring drivers to yield the right-of-way to a school
1.3 bus; allowing school buses to re-enter traffic after loading or unloading passengers
1.4 in a right-turn lane; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 169.20, subdivision
1.5 7; 169.443, subdivision 2.

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

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.20, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. Transit bus; school bus. (a) The driver of a vehicle traveling in the right-hand
1.9 lane of traffic shall yield the right-of-way to any transit bus attempting to enter that lane
1.10 from a bus stop or shoulder, as indicated by a flashing left turn signal.

1.11 (b) The driver of a vehicle traveling in the right-hand lane of traffic shall yield the
1.12 right-of-way to any school bus attempting to enter that lane from a shoulder, right-turn lane,
1.13 or other location where the school bus has stopped to load or unload passengers. The school
1.14 bus must indicate the intent to enter the right-hand lane of traffic by activating a flashing
1.15 left turn signal.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.443, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 2. Use of stop-signal arm. (a) The stop-signal arm system of a school bus must
1.18 be used in conjunction with the flashing red signals only when the school bus is stopped on
1.19 a street or highway to load or unload school children.

1.20 (b) A local authority, including the governing body of an Indian tribe, may by ordinance
1.21 require that a school bus activate the stop-signal arm system and flashing red signals while
1.22 stopped to unload school children at a location other than a location on a street or highway.

2.1 The ordinance must designate each location where the requirement is imposed. The
2.2 requirement is effective only if the local authority has erected signs at or near the location
2.3 to provide adequate notice that other vehicles are required to obey section 169.444,
2.4 subdivision 1, when those signals are activated.

2.5 (c) A school bus driver is prohibited from loading or unloading passengers in a designated
2.6 right-turn lane or in a lane immediately adjacent to a designated right-turn lane unless:

2.7 (1) a school bus stop designated by the district transportation safety director is located
2.8 in the right-turn lane;

2.9 (2) the driver stops the bus at the extreme right side of the right-turn lane; and

2.10 (3) the driver activates the prewarning flashing amber signals, flashing red signals, and
2.11 stop-signal arm, unless the school board or its designee, based on safety considerations,
2.12 provides written direction to the driver not to do so.

2.13 After loading or unloading passengers, the school bus driver may re-enter the right-hand
2.14 lane of traffic without turning right. The school bus must indicate the intent to enter the
2.15 right-hand lane of traffic by activating a flashing left turn signal.