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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1950

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; imposing mandatory fines for violations of the school
1.3 bus stop arm law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.444, subdivision
1.4 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.444, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Violations by drivers; penalties. (a) A person who fails to stop a vehicle or
1.8 to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, is guilty of
1.9 a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of: (1) not less than \$500; (2) not less than \$700 for a
1.10 violation occurring within ten years of a prior violation; or (3) not less than \$950 for a
1.11 violation occurring within ten years of two or more prior violations.

1.12 (b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if the person fails to stop a motor vehicle
1.13 or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, and
1.14 commits either or both of the following acts:

1.15 (1) passes or attempts to pass the school bus in a motor vehicle on the right-hand,
1.16 passenger-door side of the bus; or

1.17 (2) passes or attempts to pass the school bus in a motor vehicle when a school child is
1.18 outside of and on the street or highway used by the school bus or on the adjacent sidewalk.

1.19 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025, and applies to violations
1.20 occurring on or after that date.