

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

**H. F. No. 1948**

03/17/2015 Authored by Urdahl  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

03/17/2016 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

03/24/2016 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Policy and Finance

04/01/2016 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; increasing fine for certain traffic violations around  
1.3 school buses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.444, subdivision 2.

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

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

1.6 Subd. 2. **Violations by drivers; penalties.** (a) A person who fails to stop a vehicle  
1.7 or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, is guilty  
1.8 of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than ~~\$300~~ \$500.

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

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

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

1.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2016, and applies to  
1.17 violations committed on and after that date.