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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1948

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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

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

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, 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
1.8 or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, is
1.9 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by: (1) a fine of not less than \$300 \$500; and (2) a
1.10 requirement that the person attend and successfully complete a course of study at an
1.11 approved driver improvement clinic or youth-oriented driver improvement clinic.

1.12 (b) A person is guilty of a gross misdemeanor if the person fails to stop a motor
1.13 vehicle or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a,
1.14 and 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 (c) An agency, court, or public official in Minnesota shall not mask, defer imposition
1.20 of judgment for, or allow an individual to enter into a diversion program that would
1.21 prevent a conviction for a violation of this subdivision from appearing on the driving
1.22 record of a holder of a driver's license.

1.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendment to paragraph (a), clause (1), is effective
1.24 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.