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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 380

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; increasing fines for certain traffic violations around
1.3 school buses; requiring violator to attend driver improvement clinic; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.444, subdivision 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, 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: (1) a fine of not less than \$300 \$500; and (2) a requirement
1.10 that the person attend and successfully complete a course of study at an approved driver
1.11 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 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 (c) An agency, court, or public official in Minnesota is prohibited from masking, deferring
1.20 imposition of judgment for, or allowing an individual to enter into a diversion program that
1.21 would prevent a conviction for violating this subdivision from appearing on the driving
1.22 record of a driver's license holder.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendment to paragraph (a), clause (1), is effective August
2.2 1, 2017, and applies to violations committed on and after that date. The amendment to
2.3 paragraph (a), clause (2), is effective August 1, 2018, and applies to violations committed
2.4 on and after that date. Paragraph (c) is effective the day following final enactment.