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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  
03/01/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

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

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, 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 or  
1.7 to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, is guilty of  
1.8 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 vehicle  
1.10 or to keep it stopped, as required in subdivision 1, or who violates subdivision 1a, and  
1.11 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 (c) An agency, court, or public official in Minnesota is prohibited from masking, deferring  
1.17 imposition of judgment for, or allowing an individual to enter into a diversion program that  
1.18 would prevent a conviction for violating this subdivision from appearing on the driving  
1.19 record of a driver's license holder.

1.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to violations  
1.21 committed on and after that date.