

CHAPTER 41--S.F.No. 3623

An act relating to transportation; requiring vehicles approaching school buses to stop for flashing red lights; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.444, subdivision 1.

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

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

Subdivision 1. **Children getting on or off school bus.** (a) When a school bus is stopped on a street or highway, or other location where signs have been erected under section 169.443, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), and is displaying ~~an extended stop signal arm and~~ flashing red lights, the driver of a vehicle approaching the bus ~~shall~~ must stop the vehicle at least 20 feet away from the bus. The vehicle driver ~~shall~~ must not allow the vehicle to move until ~~the school bus stop signal arm is retracted and~~ the red lights are no longer flashing.

(b) A vehicle approaching a school bus displaying the prewarning flashing amber lights is thereby warned that continued movement is being terminated and that the flashing red lights are about to be exhibited when vehicular traffic must not encroach within 20 feet of the school bus.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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