
HOUSE BILL No. 1520

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2; IC 9-19-13-1; IC 9-21; IC 20-27-10; IC 34-28-5-5.

Synopsis: School bus camera enforcement devices. Provides that a school corporation or a nonpublic school (school) may use a video recording device (device) on a school bus to capture digital images of a vehicle that is being operated in violation of school bus stop arm traffic laws (violation). Provides that a school may enter into an enforcement agreement with a contractor for camera enforcement by the device. Provides that a school may enter into an agreement with a law enforcement agency to review images from the device and prepare and mail a complaint and summons for specific civil penalties for the violation to the owner of the vehicle. Provides that costs above the civil penalty for the violation may not be collected.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-18.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2013]: **Sec. 18.3. "Camera enforcement" means the enforcement
4 of a violation of IC 9-21-12-1 in accordance with IC 9-21-12-9.5.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-49.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
7 1, 2013]: **Sec. 49.6. "Enforcement agreement" means an agreement
8 between a school corporation or nonpublic school and a contractor
9 with respect to the installation of a video recording device on a
10 school bus.**

11 SECTION 3. IC 9-13-2-112.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
12 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 112.5. "Nonpublic school" has the
14 meaning set forth in IC 20-18-2-12.**

15 SECTION 4. IC 9-13-2-149.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
16 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 149.7. "Recorded image" means**



1 an image recorded by a video recording device mounted on a
 2 school bus with a clear view of vehicles passing the bus on either
 3 side. The recorded image must show:

- 4 (1) the date and time the recording was made; and
 5 (2) an electronic symbol confirming that the arm signal device
 6 specified in IC 9-21-12-13 was in the arm signal device's
 7 extended position at the time the recorded image was made.

8 SECTION 5. IC 9-13-2-196.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 9 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 10 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 196.7. "Video recording device"
 11 means a camera capable of recording digital images and showing
 12 the date and time that the images were recorded.

13 SECTION 6. IC 9-19-13-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 14 SECTION 101, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 1. (a) The state school bus
 16 committee established by IC 20-27-3-1 shall adopt and enforce rules
 17 under IC 4-22-2 not inconsistent with this chapter to govern the design
 18 and operation of all school buses used for the transportation of school
 19 children when owned and operated by a school corporation or privately
 20 owned and operated under contract with an Indiana school corporation.
 21 The rules must by reference be made a part of such a contract with a
 22 school corporation. Each school corporation, officer and employee of
 23 the school corporation, and person employed under contract by a
 24 school district is subject to those rules.

25 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a school corporation or
 26 nonpublic school may use a video recording device on a school bus
 27 that captures the recorded image of a vehicle if the school
 28 corporation or nonpublic school has entered into an enforcement
 29 agreement with a contractor for camera enforcement.

30 SECTION 7. IC 9-21-8-52, AS AMENDED BY P.L.70-2009,
 31 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 52. (a) A person who operates a vehicle and who
 33 recklessly:

- 34 (1) drives at such an unreasonably high rate of speed or at such an
 35 unreasonably low rate of speed under the circumstances as to:
 36 (A) endanger the safety or the property of others; or
 37 (B) block the proper flow of traffic;
 38 (2) passes another vehicle from the rear while on a slope or on a
 39 curve where vision is obstructed for a distance of less than five
 40 hundred (500) feet ahead;
 41 (3) drives in and out of a line of traffic, except as otherwise
 42 permitted; or

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1 (4) speeds up or refuses to give one-half (1/2) of the roadway to
2 a driver overtaking and desiring to pass;
3 commits a Class B misdemeanor.

4 (b) A person who operates a vehicle and who recklessly passes a
5 school bus stopped on a roadway when the arm signal device specified
6 in IC 9-21-12-13 is in the device's extended position commits a Class
7 B misdemeanor. However, the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if it
8 causes bodily injury to a person. **A recorded image from a video
9 recording device on a school bus installed for camera enforcement
10 may be used as evidence in a criminal proceeding under this
11 section.**

12 (c) If an offense under subsection (a) or (b) results in damage to the
13 property of another person or bodily injury to another person, the court
14 shall recommend the suspension of the current driving license of the
15 person for a fixed period of:

- 16 (1) not less than thirty (30) days; and
- 17 (2) not more than one (1) year.

18 SECTION 8. IC 9-21-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2005,
19 SECTION 104, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who drives a vehicle
21 that:

22 (1) meets or overtakes from any direction a school bus stopped on
23 a roadway and is not stopped before reaching the school bus when
24 the arm signal device specified in IC 9-21-12-13 is in the device's
25 extended position; or

26 (2) proceeds before the arm signal device is no longer extended;
27 commits the offense described in section 9 of this chapter.

28 (b) This section is applicable only if the school bus is in substantial
29 compliance with the markings required by the state school bus
30 committee.

31 (c) There is a rebuttable presumption that the owner of the vehicle
32 involved in the violation of this section committed the violation. This
33 presumption does not apply to the owner of a vehicle involved in the
34 violation of this section if the owner routinely engages in the business
35 of renting the vehicle for periods of thirty (30) days or less.

36 **(d) A violation of subsection (a) may be enforced by means of
37 camera enforcement.**

38 SECTION 9. IC 9-21-12-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
39 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 9. **(a)** A person who
40 violates section 1 of this chapter commits a Class A infraction. **A
41 violation may be enforced through camera enforcement as set forth
42 in section 9.5 of this chapter.**

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1 (b) A person who violates section 2 of this chapter commits a Class
2 C misdemeanor.

3 SECTION 10. IC 9-21-12-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 9.5. (a) This section applies only
6 to an infraction under section 9 of this chapter.**

7 (b) **The operator of a vehicle is liable for a civil penalty if a
8 recorded image shows that the vehicle has violated section 1 of this
9 chapter and the violation is not otherwise permitted by law. The
10 amount of the civil penalty is:**

- 11 (1) **three hundred dollars (\$300), if the person does not have
12 a prior conviction or adjudication based on a violation of
13 section 1 of this chapter within the previous five (5) years;**
14 (2) **seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750), if the person has one (1)
15 prior conviction or adjudication based on a violation of
16 section 1 of this chapter within the previous five (5) years; and
17 (3) one thousand dollars (\$1,000) if the person has more than
18 one (1) prior conviction or adjudication based on a violation
19 of section 1 of this chapter within the previous five (5) years.**

20 **The civil penalties described in this subsection are the only
21 penalties that may be assessed under this section. Notwithstanding
22 IC 34-28-5-4, a person found liable under this section is not liable
23 for the amount prescribed in IC 34-28-5-4(a) or for additional
24 court costs. However, a court may deduct costs from the civil
25 penalty prescribed by this subsection as long as the amount paid by
26 the person does not exceed the amounts set forth in this subsection.**

27 (c) **A law enforcement agency authorized to enforce the
28 provisions of this section pursuant to an agreement with the
29 nonpublic school or interlocal agreement with the school
30 corporation shall send by regular mail addressed to the owner of
31 the vehicle postmarked not later than ten (10) days after the date
32 of the alleged violation:**

- 33 (1) **a complaint and summons for the alleged violation, which
34 include the date and time of the violation, the location of the
35 infraction, the amount of the civil penalty imposed, and the
36 date by which the civil penalty shall be paid;**
37 (2) **an image taken from the recorded image showing the
38 vehicle involved in the infraction;**
39 (3) **a verified statement by a law enforcement officer
40 authorized to enforce this section and stating that, based upon
41 inspection of recorded images, the vehicle violated section 1 of
42 this chapter and that the violation was not otherwise**

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1 authorized by law;
 2 (4) information regarding how the owner may provide the
 3 name and address of the individual alleged to have been
 4 operating the vehicle at the time of the violation, if the owner
 5 was not the operator; and
 6 (5) any other information usually transmitted to persons
 7 alleged to have committed an infraction.
 8 **The complaint and summons described in this subsection shall be**
 9 **issued on a form that complies with IC 9-30-3-6.**
 10 (d) A civil penalty collected under this section shall be disbursed
 11 in accordance with the enforcement agreement.
 12 (e) A recorded image captured under IC 9-19-13-1(b) and
 13 enforced by a law enforcement agency under this section is
 14 confidential and not subject to disclosure under IC 5-14-3.
 15 (f) A law enforcement agency shall treat an alleged violation
 16 enforced under this section in the same manner as any other
 17 alleged violation, except to the extent that this treatment would
 18 conflict with the provisions of this section.
 19 SECTION 11. IC 20-27-10-0.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 20 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 21 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 0.1. "Camera enforcement" has**
 22 **the meaning set forth in IC 9-13-2-18.3.**
 23 SECTION 12. IC 20-27-10-0.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 24 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 25 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 0.3. "Enforcement agreement"**
 26 **has the meaning set forth in IC 9-13-2-49.6.**
 27 SECTION 13. IC 20-27-10-0.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 28 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 29 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 0.5. "Recorded image" has the**
 30 **meaning set forth in IC 9-13-2-149.7.**
 31 SECTION 14. IC 20-27-10-0.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 32 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 0.7. "Video recording device" has**
 34 **the meaning set forth in IC 9-13-2-196.7.**
 35 SECTION 15. IC 20-27-10-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 36 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 37 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013]: **Sec. 3.5. (a) A school corporation or**
 38 **nonpublic school may enter into an enforcement agreement with a**
 39 **private contractor for camera enforcement if a law enforcement**
 40 **agency with appropriate jurisdiction is available to carry out the**
 41 **duties described in IC 9-21-12-9.5.**
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1 (1) school corporation may enter into an interlocal
2 agreement; and

3 (2) nonpublic school may enter into an agreement;
4 with a county or municipality to offset expenses of establishing and
5 operating camera enforcement.

6 (c) A school corporation or nonpublic school that has entered
7 into an enforcement agreement under this section may use a video
8 recording device on a school bus that captures recorded images of
9 a vehicle.

10 (d) A recorded image from a device on a school bus installed for
11 camera enforcement shall be processed and transmitted in
12 accordance with the enforcement agreement.

13 SECTION 16. IC 34-28-5-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.106-2010,
14 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
15 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 5. (a) **Except as provided in subsection (f)**, a
16 defendant against whom a judgment is entered is liable for costs. Costs
17 are part of the judgment and may not be suspended except under
18 IC 9-30-3-12. Whenever a judgment is entered against a person for the
19 commission of two (2) or more civil violations (infractions or
20 ordinance violations), the court may waive the person's liability for
21 costs for all but one (1) of the violations. This subsection does not
22 apply to judgments entered for violations constituting:

23 (1) Class D infractions; or

24 (2) Class C infractions for unlawfully parking in a space reserved
25 for a person with a physical disability under IC 5-16-9-5 or
26 IC 5-16-9-8.

27 (b) If a judgment is entered:

28 (1) for a violation constituting:

29 (A) a Class D infraction; or

30 (B) a Class C infraction for unlawfully parking in a space
31 reserved for a person with a physical disability under
32 IC 5-16-9-5 or IC 5-16-9-8; or

33 (2) in favor of the defendant in any case;

34 the defendant is not liable for costs.

35 (c) Except for costs, and except as provided in subsection (e), (f),
36 and IC 9-21-5-11(e), the funds collected as judgments for violations of
37 statutes defining infractions shall be deposited in the state general fund.

38 (d) A judgment may be entered against a defendant under this
39 section or section 4 of this chapter upon a finding by the court that the
40 defendant:

41 (1) violated:

42 (A) a statute defining an infraction; or

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1 (B) an ordinance; or
 2 (2) consents to entry of judgment for the plaintiff upon a pleading
 3 of nolo contendere for a moving traffic violation.
 4 (e) The funds collected for an infraction judgment described in
 5 section 4(h) of this chapter shall be transferred to a dedicated county
 6 fund. The money in the dedicated county fund does not revert to the
 7 county general fund or state general fund and may be used, after
 8 appropriation by the county fiscal body, only for the following
 9 purposes:
 10 (1) To pay compensation of commissioners appointed under
 11 IC 33-33-49.
 12 (2) To pay costs of the county's guardian ad litem program.
 13 **(f) This subsection only applies to a violation of IC 9-21-12-1**
 14 **that is enforced through camera enforcement (as defined in**
 15 **IC 9-13-2-18.3). Notwithstanding subsection (c), funds collected for**
 16 **a violation of IC 9-21-12-1 as a judgment from a person to whom**
 17 **this subsection applies shall be transferred in accordance with the**
 18 **enforcement agreement (as defined in IC 9-13-2-49.6). To the**
 19 **extent a person to whom this subsection applies is liable for costs**
 20 **for a violation of IC 9-21-12-1, the costs may only be deducted**
 21 **from the judgment and may not cause the person to be liable for an**
 22 **amount greater than the penalty set forth in IC 9-21-12-9.5(b).**

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