

# IMPACT OF NEW TRANSPORTATION LAWS



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## HB 4201 (2021-PA-0049):

- Sec.59 (4)
  - An individual other than an authorized person shall not enter a school bus without the permission of the driver of the school bus.
- Sec.59 (5)
  - A person shall not impede the progress or operation, or both, of a school bus.
- Sec.59 (6)
  - A person who violates subsection (4) or (5) is responsible for a civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.

## HB 4203 (2021-PA-0051):

- Sec.33 (k)
  - A sticker may be affixed to the side of a school bus that reads as follows “An authorized person attempting to board this school bus is subject to citation for a civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more that \$500.” A sticker affixed to a school bus under this subdivision must be affixed on the left side of the service door between the bottom of the window and the black rub rails.

# PLACEMENT OF STICKER



# SUCCESS STORY



Last week a northern Michigan school district tested this law. An adult tried to board a school bus. The driver indicated the adult could not board. The adult kept one foot on the first step preventing the school bus driver from safely moving the school bus. The school bus driver was able to de-escalate the situation and continue the route. The school bus driver reported the incident and the transportation supervisor contacted law enforcement. Police officials viewed an on-board bus camera video of the confrontation (PA-50 - another part of the School Bus Safety & Security Laws package allows law enforcement to use photo/video information as evidence supporting a citation for violating the law) had sufficient evidence to issue a citation for violating MCL 257.1833 (1) (k) of the Pupil Transportation Act. Police officials put the fine for the violation at the maximum of \$500. ***The transportation supervisor indicated that this law is a GAME CHANGER for school bus safety and security.***

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## HB 4202 (2021-PA-0050):

- For individuals who violate the red lights of a school bus can be fined up to \$500.
- A School bus that uses a stop-arm camera system shall provide a video or photograph recorded by a stop-arm camera system for the use as evidence in a proceeding for a violation of subsection (1) if requested by an investigating law enforcement agency.

## HB 4204 (2021-PA-0052):

- States that a school bus may be equipped with stop-arm cameras

# PSA



## Current PSA:

- What the lights on the school bus mean
- What motorists have to do around the school bus
- Rep. Jack O'Malley provided the "voice" for the PSA
- Was distributed to transportation departments across the State
  - Asking all departments to speak with their local media to run the PSA
- Was distributed to MSP, MSA, MCP to run on their social media

## New PSA Campaign:

- Working with Legislators for funding to create a PSA Campaign
  - Will include billboards, commercials, flyers etc.





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# WHAT'S NEW



## Legislation we are watching:

- HB 4375 - this is a bill to amend the Public School Retirement Act and extend Retirement Law Sunset from 7/1/25 to 7/1/31. It does not fix the problem of school bus drivers retiring and only being able to earn 1/3 until they accumulate 12 months of retirement.
- SB 726 - this bill changes the Public School Retirement Act for substitute teachers.
- HB 5662 – MDOS worked with MAPT to allow districts to train BTW in consortiums. This went before committee on 1/25/22 and will be voted on 2/1/22.
- HB 5663 –MDOS worked with MAPT on corrections to the language to allow drivers to get their CLP before ELDT was completed. This went before committee on 1/25/22 and will be voted on 2/1/22.
- SB 801 – this bill would give vouchers to parents to provide transportation to and from school for their child.
- SB 789 – this bill would require any school personnel to report to local law enforcement information that a reasonable individual would believe constitute an actual or implied threat.



# WHAT'S NEW



- 5 Billion dollar infrastructure bill
  - 5 year plan
  - 2.5 Billion for Electric School Buses
  - 2.5 Billion for clean burning school buses
  - Application process to open in May
  - First round will be a rebate program
  - MAPT will assist with the application & implementation process

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