

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE DRH50280-MA-223A\* (3/8)

Short Title: School Bus Safety.

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Sponsors: Representatives Johnson and Barnhart (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ELEMENT OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO  
3 INJURY FOR THE PURPOSES OF STRIKING A PERSON WHILE PASSING A  
4 STOPPED SCHOOL BUS AND TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO  
5 THE DEFINITION OF SCHOOL BUS IN THE DEFINITIONS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-217(g) reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 20-217. Motor vehicles to stop for properly marked and designated school buses**  
9 **in certain instances; evidence of identity of driver.**

10 ...

11 (g) Any person who willfully violates subsection (a) of this section and strikes  
12 any person causing ~~serious bodily~~ injury to that person shall be guilty of a Class I  
13 felony."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-4.01(27)d4. reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 20-4.01. Definitions.**

16 Unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply throughout  
17 this Chapter to the defined words and phrases and their cognates:

18 ...

19 (27) Passenger Vehicles. –

20 ...

21 d4. School bus. – A vehicle whose primary purpose is to transport  
22 school students over an established route to and from school for  
23 the regularly scheduled school day, that is equipped with  
24 alternately flashing red lights on the front and rear and a  
25 mechanical stop signal, and that bears the words "School Bus"  
26 on the front and rear ~~in letters at least 8 inches in height~~ of the

1                                    bus. The term includes a public, private, or parochial vehicle  
2                                    that meets this description.  
3                                    ..."  
4                                    **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2007, and applies to  
5 offenses committed on or after that date.