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Senate Bill No. 1390

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LIVE DIGITAL VIDEO SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION DETECTION MONITORING SYSTEMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 14-279a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (e) (1) A municipality or local or regional board of education that is
5 not operating a live digital video school bus violation detection
6 monitoring system pursuant to subsection (b) of this section prior to July
7 1, [2024] 2026, shall not (A) commence operation of such a system on or
8 after July 1, [2024] 2026, or (B) enter into an agreement with a private
9 vendor pursuant to subsection (b) of this section for the installation,
10 operation and maintenance of such a system on or after July 1, [2024]
11 2026.

12 (2) A municipality or local or regional board of education, or a private
13 vendor under an agreement pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,

14 that is operating a live digital video school bus violation detection
15 monitoring system pursuant to subsection (b) of this section on July 1,
16 [2024] 2026, shall cease operation of such system not later than July 1,
17 [2026] 2028, except as provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection.

18 (3) A private vendor operating a live digital video school bus
19 violation detection monitoring system may continue operating such
20 system on or after July 1, [2026] 2028, provided (A) the agreement
21 regarding such operation was entered into pursuant to subsection (b) of
22 this section prior to July 1, [2024] 2026, (B) no option to renew or extend
23 such agreement is exercised on or after July 1, [2024] 2026, that would
24 extend such operation to include any period of time on or after July 1,
25 [2026] 2028, and (C) such operation ceases upon termination of such
26 agreement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-279a(e)

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Loss	None	See Below
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	None	See Below

Explanation

The bill pushes out the date from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026, by which municipalities are restricted from using live digital video school bus detection monitoring systems or extending an agreement with a private vendor to use these live monitoring systems to enforce state law.

The bill also pushes out the date from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2028, by which municipalities must cease operation of these systems if they are using them unless they meet certain criteria.

This results in a potential revenue loss to municipalities beginning in FY 27 to the extent they no longer collect fines from violations. This also results in a potential savings to municipalities to the extent they no longer pay for a vendor.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1390*****AN ACT CONCERNING LIVE DIGITAL VIDEO SCHOOL BUS VIOLATION DETECTION MONITORING SYSTEMS.*****SUMMARY**

PA 24-107 allowed municipalities to adopt ordinances authorizing the use of a video monitoring system and \$250 fines to enforce the law that generally prohibits drivers from passing a school bus with its red signal lights flashing (the “stop arm law”). In doing so, the act replaced a current statutory authorization for municipalities and school boards to use a similar monitoring system to enforce this law. This bill extends by two years the end (sunset) dates for municipalities and school boards to use a monitoring system under the current statutory authorization.

Under the bill, municipalities and boards generally have up to two more years to stop using these systems under the current authorization (generally by July 1, 2028). Under current law, they generally must stop doing so by July 1, 2026. Similarly, for municipalities or boards that are not operating a system under the current authorization, the bill allows them to begin doing so before July 1, 2026. Under current law, this authorization ended two years earlier.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

NEW USERS OF LIVE MONITORING SYSTEMS UNDER CURRENT STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

Under the bill, municipalities and boards of education that are not operating a live monitoring system under the current authorization before July 1, 2026, are prohibited from (1) starting operation of one on or after that date, or (2) entering into an agreement with a private vendor for installing, operating, and maintaining such a system on or after that date. Under current law, they are prohibited from doing so as of July 1,

2024. (So in effect, the bill restarts this authorization until the new sunset date.)

SUNSET FOR EXISTING MUNICIPAL USERS AND VENDORS

The bill generally requires municipalities, boards of education, and private vendors operating live monitoring systems under the current authorization on July 1, 2026, to stop by July 1, 2028 (each date is two years later than what is in current law).

However, vendors may continue to operate their systems (under agreement with a municipality) on or after July 1, 2028, if (1) their operation agreements were entered into before July 1, 2026; (2) no agreement renewal or extension option is exercised on or after July 1, 2026, that would extend their operation on or after July 1, 2028; and (3) their operation stops once the agreement ends. Each of these dates is two years later than what is in current law.

BACKGROUND

Stop Arm Law

Connecticut's stop arm law generally requires drivers to (1) stop their vehicles at least 10 feet from the front or rear of a school bus that is displaying its flashing red signal lights and (2) remain there until the bus no longer displays the lights. Any person who violates this law faces (1) a \$450 fine for the first offense or (2) a fine of \$500 to \$1,000, up to 30 days in prison, or both for a subsequent offense (CGS § 14-279).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/18/2025)