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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 26-95—sSB 508

Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF AN OPERATOR'S
LICENSE FOR REPEATEDLY FAILING TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS**

SUMMARY: This act requires the motor vehicles commissioner, without a hearing, to issue a six-month suspension of the driver's license or operating privilege of someone who, for the third or subsequent time, violates the law on failing to stop for a school bus. Specifically, this applies if the person is convicted, forfeited a bond taken, or received a suspended judgment or sentence for the violation.

By law, drivers generally must (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) stay there until the bus no longer displays them. Violators of this law face a (1) \$450 fine for the first offense and (2) fine of \$500 to \$1,000, up to 30 days in prison, or both, for a subsequent offense (CGS § 14-279).

A separate law authorizes municipalities to (1) adopt ordinances for using camera systems to enforce this law and (2) set a \$250 fine for violations, separate from the state law penalties (CGS § 14-279c). The act does not apply to violations of these ordinances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026