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Short Title: Evidence Passed Vehicle is a School Bus. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lambeth and Hanes (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR PROVING THAT A STOPPED  
3 VEHICLE PASSED BY ANOTHER MOTOR VEHICLE IS A "SCHOOL BUS"  
4 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF G.S. 20-217, AND TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR  
5 THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED CAMERA AND VIDEO  
6 RECORDING SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL BUSES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-217(b) reads as rewritten:

9 "(b) For the purpose of this section, ~~a school bus~~ the term "school bus" includes a public  
10 school bus transporting children or school personnel, a public school bus transporting senior  
11 citizens under G.S. 115C-243, or a privately owned school bus transporting children. ~~This~~  
12 ~~section applies only in the event the school bus bears upon the front and rear a plainly visible~~  
13 ~~sign containing the words "school bus.~~ The following shall be prima facie evidence that a  
14 vehicle was a school bus, as defined in this section and Chapter, at the time of a violation of  
15 subsection (a) of this section:

16 (1) A certified copy of a record from the Division showing the vehicle was  
17 registered as a school bus at the time of the violation of subsection (a) of this  
18 section. A certified copy of a record under this subdivision shall be  
19 admissible as evidence without further authentication.

20 (2) Testimony from the school bus driver, a passenger on the school bus, or the  
21 law enforcement officer investigating the violation of subsection (a) of this  
22 section."

23 **SECTION 2.(a)** Grant. – Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-5-2, there is appropriated  
24 from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of seven hundred  
25 thousand dollars (\$700,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to allocate to  
26 local boards of education for the purpose of purchasing and installing automated camera and  
27 video recording systems on school buses. The Department of Public Instruction shall develop a  
28 policy to prioritize the allocation of funds under this section.

29 **SECTION 2.(b)** Match Required. – A grant provided pursuant to this section shall  
30 be matched on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) in grant funds for every two dollars (\$2.00) in  
31 nongrant funds. Matching funds shall not include other State funds. The Department of Public  
32 Instruction shall not provide a grant under this section until the grantee provides evidence  
33 satisfactory to the Commission that the grantee has sufficient nongrant funds to match.

34 **SECTION 2.(c)** Guidelines. – The Department of Public Instruction shall develop  
35 guidelines and procedures for the administration and distribution of grants under this section.



1           **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2015. The remainder  
2 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after  
3 that date.