

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 500**

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to school buses; to amend section 60-6,175,
- 2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to change
- 3 provisions relating to operation of school buses; and to
- 4 repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. Section 60-6,175, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

3                   60-6,175 (1) Upon meeting or overtaking, from the front  
4 or rear, any school bus on which the yellow warning signal lights are  
5 flashing, the driver of a motor vehicle shall reduce the speed of  
6 such vehicle to not more than twenty-five miles per hour, shall bring  
7 such vehicle to a complete stop when the school bus is stopped, the  
8 stop signal arm is extended, and the flashing red signal lights are  
9 turned on, and shall remain stopped until the flashing red signal  
10 lights are turned off, the stop signal arm is retracted, and the  
11 school bus resumes motion. This section shall not apply to  
12 approaching traffic in the opposite direction on a divided highway or  
13 to approaching traffic when there is displayed a sign as provided in  
14 subsection (8) of this section directing traffic to proceed. Any  
15 person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a Class IV  
16 misdemeanor, shall be fined five hundred dollars, and shall be  
17 assessed points on his or her motor vehicle operator's license  
18 pursuant to section 60-4,182.

19                   (2) Except as provided in subsection (8) of this section,  
20 the driver of any school bus, when stopping to receive or discharge  
21 pupils, shall turn on flashing yellow warning signal lights at a  
22 distance of not less than three hundred feet when inside the  
23 corporate limits of any city or village and not less than five  
24 hundred feet nor more than one thousand feet in any area outside the  
25 corporate limits of any city or village from the point where such

1 pupils are to be received or discharged from the bus. At the point of  
2 receiving or discharging pupils, the bus driver shall bring the  
3 school bus to a stop, extend a stop signal arm, and turn on the  
4 flashing red signal lights. After receiving or discharging pupils,  
5 the bus driver shall turn off the flashing red signal lights, retract  
6 the stop signal arm, and then proceed on the route.

7 (3)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this  
8 subsection, no school bus shall stop to load or unload pupils outside  
9 of the corporate limits of any city or village or on any part of the  
10 state highway system within the corporate limits of a city or  
11 village, unless there is at least four hundred feet of clear vision  
12 in each direction of travel.

13 (b) If four hundred feet of clear vision in each  
14 direction of travel is not possible as determined by the school  
15 district, a school bus may stop to load or unload pupils if there is  
16 proper signage installed indicating that a school bus stop is ahead.

17 (4) All pupils shall be received and discharged from the  
18 right front entrance of every school bus. If such pupils must cross a  
19 roadway, the bus driver shall instruct such pupils to cross in front  
20 of the school bus and the bus driver shall keep such school bus  
21 halted with the flashing red signal lights turned on and the stop  
22 signal arm extended until such pupils have reached the opposite side  
23 of such roadway.

24 (5) The driver of a vehicle upon a divided highway need  
25 not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different

1 roadway or when upon a freeway and such school bus is stopped in a  
2 loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where  
3 pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

4 (6) Every school bus shall bear upon the front and rear  
5 thereof plainly visible signs containing the words school bus in  
6 letters not less than eight inches high.

7 (7) When a school bus is being operated upon a highway  
8 for purposes other than the actual transportation of children either  
9 to or from school or school-sponsored activities, all markings  
10 thereon indicating school bus shall be covered or concealed. The stop  
11 signal arm and system of flashing yellow warning signal lights and  
12 flashing red signal lights shall not be operable through the usual  
13 controls.

14 (8) When a school bus is (a) parked in a designated  
15 school bus loading area which is out of the flow of traffic and which  
16 is adjacent to a school site or (b) parked on a roadway which  
17 possesses more than one lane of traffic flowing in the same direction  
18 and which is adjacent to a school site, the bus driver shall engage  
19 only the hazard warning flasher lights when receiving or discharging  
20 pupils if a school bus loading area warning sign is displayed. Such  
21 signs shall not be directly attached to any school bus but shall be  
22 free standing and placed at the rear of a parked school bus or line  
23 of parked school buses. No school district shall utilize a school bus  
24 loading area warning sign unless such sign complies with the  
25 requirements of section 60-6,176.

1                   Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,175, Revised Statutes  
2 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.