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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS SAFETY  
ENFORCEMENT

Introduced By: Senators Tikoian, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Dimitri, Rogers,  
Thompson, Gu, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 26, 2025

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-51-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-51 entitled "School Bus  
2 Safety Enforcement" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-51-2. Live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems.**

4 (a) All school departments of this state are hereby authorized to install and operate live  
5 digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems. Such systems shall at a minimum,  
6 be systems which monitor and detect school bus traffic violations. For purposes of this chapter a  
7 live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system means a system with one or  
8 more camera sensors and computers which produce live digital and recorded video of motor  
9 vehicles being operated in violation of school bus traffic laws [in violation of 31-20-12](#). All systems  
10 installed for ~~used~~ [use](#) under this chapter ~~must~~ [shall](#), at a minimum, produce a live visual image  
11 viewable remotely, a recorded image of the license plate, and be able to record the time, date, and  
12 location of the vehicle, and a signed affidavit by a person who witnessed the violation via live  
13 video.

14 [\(b\) On and after July 1, 2027, all new school buses to be operated pursuant to § 31-20-](#)  
15 [11\(a\) shall be equipped with a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system](#)  
16 [that conforms with the requirements of subsection \(a\) of this section.](#)

17 [\(c\) On and after July 1, 2032, all school buses to be operated pursuant to § 31-20-11\(a\)](#)  
18 [shall be equipped with a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system that](#)

1 [conforms with the requirements of subsection \(a\) of this section.](#)

2 ~~(b)~~(d) The school departments may enter into an agreement with a private corporation or  
3 other entity to provide live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems and to  
4 maintain and operate such systems.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require that all new school buses be equipped with live digital video school  
2 bus violation detection monitoring systems as of July 1, 2027. All buses, new and used, must have  
3 the monitoring systems installed by July 1, 2032.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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