

**ACT 52**

**S.B. NO. 1854-76**

**A Bill for an Act Relating to School Buses.**

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 291C-95, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**“Sec. 291C-95 Overtaking and passing school bus.** (a) Whenever a school bus is stopped on a highway with its visual signals as described in subsection (g) of this section actuated, the driver of any motor vehicle on the same highway shall stop his vehicle before reaching the school bus and shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are turned off.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply to a vehicle when the school bus and the vehicle are on different roadways.

(c) The driver of the school bus shall actuate the visual signals described in subsection (g) only when the school bus is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children:

- (1) On a highway outside of a business or residence district; and
- (2) At any other location where the use of such visual signals is required by county ordinance.

(d) The front and rear of every school bus shall be marked with the words “SCHOOL BUS” in plainly visible letters not less than eight inches in height and strokes not less than three-fourths of an inch in width.

(e) No vehicle, other than a school bus, shall display a “SCHOOL BUS” sign.

(f) When a school bus is being operated upon a highway for purposes other than as an incident to the transportation of children, all marking thereon indicating “SCHOOL BUS” shall be covered or concealed.

(g) The visual signals required under subsection (c) to be actuated shall consist of four red signal lamps meeting the following requirements:

- (1) Two lamps shall face forward and two shall face the rear;
- (2) The two forward lamps shall flash alternately and shall be mounted at the same level, but as high and as widely spaced as practical;
- (3) The two rear lamps shall flash alternately and shall be mounted at the same level but as high and as widely spaced as practical;
- (4) Each of the lamps shall be of sufficient intensity as to be plainly visible at a distance of five hundred feet in normal sunlight and shall be capable of being actuated from the driver’s seat by a single switch.”

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the brackets, the bracketed material or the underscoring.\*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 5, 1976.)

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\*Edited accordingly.