



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1094

Introduced by: **Representative** Reimer

1 **An Act to modify laws regarding school bus safety and to provide a penalty therefor.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 32-32-6 be AMENDED:**

4 **32-32-6.** The operator of a motor vehicle on a highway that has less than two
5 lanes of travel in each direction, or on a private road, when approaching a school bus that
6 has its amber warning lights flashing, shall reduce the speed of the vehicle ~~not to exceed~~
7 to fifteen miles per hour or less and proceed past the school bus with caution. The operator
8 of a motor vehicle approaching a school bus that has its red signal lights flashing shall
9 make a complete stop. The stopped vehicle ~~shall~~ must be at least fifteen feet from the
10 school bus and ~~shall~~ must remain stopped until the flashing red signal lights are
11 extinguished. A lane that is designated solely for the purpose of turning is not considered
12 a lane of travel for purposes of this section.

13 The operator of a motor vehicle on a highway providing two or more lanes of travel
14 in each direction does not need to reduce the speed of the vehicle when approaching a
15 school bus that is traveling in the opposite direction if the school bus has its amber warning
16 lights flashing. The operator of a motor vehicle on a highway providing two or more lanes
17 of travel in each direction does not need to stop when approaching a school bus that is
18 traveling in the opposite direction even though the school bus is stopped and has its red
19 signal lights flashing.

20 The operator of a motor vehicle on a highway providing two or more lanes of travel
21 in each direction, when approaching a school bus that is traveling in the same direction
22 and has its amber warning lights flashing, shall reduce the speed of the vehicle ~~not to~~
23 ~~exceed~~ to fifteen miles per hour or less and proceed past the school bus with caution. The
24 operator of a motor vehicle on a highway providing two or more lanes of travel in each
25 direction ~~shall~~ must make a complete stop when approaching a school bus traveling in the
26 same direction if the school bus is stopped and its red signal lights are flashing.

1 A violation of this section is a ~~Class 2~~ Class 1 misdemeanor.

2 **Section 2. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 32-32:**

3 If any school bus, as defined in § 32-32-1, is transporting students enrolled in a
4 school district in this state and is equipped with an external video system capable of
5 recording traffic activity around the bus, any recording from that video system is
6 discoverable and may be entered into evidence in any civil or criminal action.

7 No district or bus company is required to install an external video system under
8 this Act.