

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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SENATE BILL 924
Judiciary I (Civil) Committee Substitute Adopted 5/16/07
House Committee Substitute Favorable 7/16/07

Short Title: School Bus Safety Act Correction.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 20, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ELEMENT MAKING PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL
3 BUS AND STRIKING A PERSON A FELONY FROM REQUIRING "SERIOUS
4 BODILY INJURY" AND REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT OF SIGNAGE
5 BEING AT LEAST EIGHT INCHES FROM THE DEFINITION OF SCHOOL
6 BUS TO CORRESPOND TO THE CHANGES MADE TO G.S. 20-217 IN THE
7 2005 SESSION AND REQUIRING THAT SCHOOL BUSES BE PAINTED
8 YELLOW.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-217(g) reads as rewritten:

11 "(g) Any person who willfully violates subsection (a) of this section and strikes
12 any ~~person causing serious bodily injury to that person~~ person shall be guilty of a Class
13 I felony."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-4.01(27)d4. reads as rewritten:

15 "d4. School bus. – A vehicle whose primary purpose is to transport
16 school students over an established route to and from school for
17 the regularly scheduled school day, that is equipped with
18 alternately flashing red lights on the front and rear and a
19 mechanical stop signal, and that bears the plainly visible words
20 "School Bus" on the front and ~~rear in letters at least 8 inches in~~
21 height, rear. The term includes a public, private, or parochial
22 vehicle that meets this description."

23 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-4.01(27)d4., as rewritten by Section 2 of this act, reads
24 as rewritten:

25 "d4. School bus. – A vehicle whose primary purpose is to transport
26 school students over an established route to and from school for
27 the regularly scheduled school day, that is equipped with
28 alternately flashing red lights on the front and rear and a

1 mechanical stop signal, that is painted primarily yellow below
2 the roofline, and that bears the plainly visible words "School
3 Bus" on the front and rear. The term includes a public, private,
4 or parochial vehicle that meets this description."

5 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this act becomes effective August 1, 2007, and
6 applies to all school buses acquired on or after that date. The remainder of this act is
7 effective when it becomes law.