

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE DRS55281-MA-223\* (3/8)

Short Title: School Bus Safety.

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Sponsors: Senator Hartsell.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE ELEMENT OF SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO INJURY FOR THE PURPOSES OF STRIKING A PERSON WHILE PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS AND TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO THE DEFINITION OF SCHOOL BUS IN THE DEFINITIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

**"§ 20-217. Motor vehicles to stop for properly marked and designated school buses in certain instances; evidence of identity of driver.**

...

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

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

**"§ 20-4.01. Definitions.**

Unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply throughout this Chapter to the defined words and phrases and their cognates:

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(27) Passenger Vehicles. –

...

d4. School bus. – A vehicle whose primary purpose is to transport school students over an established route to and from school for the regularly scheduled school day, that is equipped with alternately flashing red lights on the front and rear and a mechanical stop signal, and that bears the words "School Bus" on the front and rear ~~in letters at least 8 inches in height.~~ of the

1                                    bus. The term includes a public, private, or parochial vehicle  
2                                    that meets this description.  
3                                    ..."  
4                                    **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2007, and applies to  
5 offenses committed on or after that date.