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HOUSE BILL 1001*

Short Title: School Bus Safety. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Johnson, Barnhart, Steen, Folwell (Primary Sponsors);
Alexander, Bell, Brown, Fisher, Glazier, and Samuelson.

Referred to: Judiciary I.

March 26, 2007

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. –

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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~~
bus. The term includes a public, private, or parochial vehicle
that meets this description.

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SECTION 3. This act becomes effective October 1, 2007, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.