The School Bus Stopping Law changes September 1st.

Here are the new regulations and what they mean to you:



Effective September 1st, all traffic from both directions must stop whenever a chrome-yellow school bus flashes its red signal lights front and rear...regardless of the posted speed limit. (The penalty for not doing so is a maximum fine of \$100 and 4 demerit points.)

The law applies everywhere – on highways, country roads, and city, town or village streets. Until now, motorists going in the opposite direction had to stop only when the posted maximum speed limit was more than 35 miles per hour. But as of September 1st, everyone must stop—except in one instance: motorists going in the opposite direction from the school bus on the other side of a multi-lane highway divided by a physical barrier.

As a motorist, you must drive with extra care whenever you see a school bus in front of you or coming towards you, because if the school bus flashes its red lights, traffic from both directions must stop.

If all of us observe this law our children will be that much safer. Remember, school bus safety is everybody's responsibility.

As a parent, encourage your children to follow the school bus safety rules learned at school – helping the bus driver by behaving quietly and keeping seated until it is time to leave the bus.

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