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## Bill Analysis

**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Galonski

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### SUMMARY

- Increases, from ten feet to twenty feet, the distance a driver is required to stop from a stopped school bus that is loading or unloading passengers.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Stopped school bus

A driver must stop for a school bus when both of the following apply:

- The driver meets or overtakes the school bus, from either direction; and
- The school bus is picking up or dropping off a school child, a child attending a Head Start program, or a person attending programs offered by a community board of mental health or a county board of developmental disabilities.

Currently, a driver must stop at least ten feet from the bus — the bill instead requires a driver to stop at least **twenty** feet from the bus. The driver may not proceed until either the bus moves, or the bus driver signals the driver to proceed.<sup>1</sup>

Whoever commits a violation of failing to properly stop for a school bus may be fined not more than \$500, and a court may impose a Class 7 driver's license suspension (not more than one year).

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4511.75(A) and (C).

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## HISTORY

| Action     | Date     |
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| Introduced | 05-19-20 |

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