

Committee on Criminal Justice

HB 1239 — School Bus Safety

by Rep. Eagle and others (SB 1622 by Senators Passidomo and Torres)

The bill creates the “Cameron Mayhew Act” to require a driver who illegally passes a stopped school bus resulting in death or serious bodily injury of another person to serve 120 community service hours in a trauma center or hospital and to participate in a victim’s impact panel or attend a Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles approved driver improvement course that relates to the rights of vulnerable road users relative to vehicles on the roadway.

The bill also imposes a \$1,500 fine; a 1-year driver license suspension; and two additional points, for a total of 6 points added to a person’s driver license for drivers who illegally pass a stopped school bus resulting in death or serious bodily injury of another person.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2017.

Vote: Senate 28-6; House 118-0