

Committee on Infrastructure and Security

CS/HB 37 — School Bus Safety

by State Affairs Committee and Rep. Zika and others (CS/SB 290 by Judiciary Committee and Senators Hooper and Berman)

The bill increases the minimum civil penalty for failure to stop for a school bus from \$100 to \$200. For a subsequent offense within five years, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) must suspend the driver license of the driver for not less than 180 days and not more than one year, instead of the current suspension of 90 days to six months.

The bill also increases the minimum civil penalty for passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit, from \$200 to \$400. For a subsequent offense within five years, the DHSMV must suspend the driver license of the driver for not less than 360 days and not more than two years, instead of the current suspension of 180 days to one year.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect January 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 118-0