

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Hooper

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to school bus safety; amending s.  
3           318.18, F.S.; revising civil penalties for certain  
4           violations relating to stopping for a school bus;  
5           providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9           Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) of  
10          section 318.18, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

11           318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a  
12          noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal  
13          offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

14           (5) (a) Two ~~One~~ hundred dollars for a violation of s.  
15          316.172(1) (a), failure to stop for a school bus. If, at a  
16          hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed this  
17          offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$200  
18          ~~\$100~~. In addition to this penalty, for a second or subsequent  
19          offense within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend  
20          the driver license of the person for not less than 180 ~~90~~ days  
21          and not more than 1 year ~~6 months~~.

22           (b) Four ~~Two~~ hundred dollars for a violation of s.  
23          316.172(1) (b), passing a school bus on the side that children  
24          enter and exit when the school bus displays a stop signal. If,  
25          at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed  
26          this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of  
27          \$400 ~~\$200~~. In addition to this penalty, for a second or  
28          subsequent offense within a period of 5 years, the department  
29          shall suspend the driver license of the person for not less than

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30 360 ~~180~~ days and not more than 2 years ~~1 year~~.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.