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Offered by:
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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 123 File No. 151 Cal. No. 155

"AN ACT PROHIBITING THE IDLING OF MOTOR VEHICLES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 14-275 of the 2008 supplement to the general
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

6 (a) The term "school bus" means any motor bus painted,
7 constructed, equipped and registered as hereinafter provided, which is
8 regularly used for transporting school children to and from school or
9 school activities whether or not for compensation or under contract to
10 provide such service. No vehicle shall be registered as a school bus
11 unless it complies with all requirements of sections 14-275 to 14-281,
12 inclusive, as to color, markings, equipment and inspection, and each
13 such vehicle shall be inspected prior to such registration in accordance
14 with regulations prescribed by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.
15 The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may also conduct

16 random, unannounced inspections of any registered school bus. Any
17 school bus that transports individuals in wheelchairs shall meet the
18 requirements of subsection (e) of section 14-100a of the 2008
19 supplement to the general statutes in order to pass inspection. The
20 provisions of said sections requiring other vehicles to stop at the signal
21 of the operator of a registered school bus shall not apply to a signal by
22 the operator of any vehicle not registered as a school bus and not
23 complying with all requirements for such registration.

24 (b) Each school bus shall be painted a uniform yellow color known
25 as "National School Bus Glossy Yellow", except for the fenders and
26 trim which may be painted black and the roof which may be painted
27 white, and shall have conspicuously painted on the rear and on the
28 front thereof, in black lettering of a size to be determined by the
29 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, the words "School Bus-Stop on
30 Signal", except that each school bus equipped with an eight-light
31 warning system shall have the words "School Bus" painted on the rear
32 and on the front thereof in such lettering. The sides of such vehicles
33 may be inscribed with the words "School Bus", the school name or such
34 other legend or device as may be necessary for purposes of
35 identification or safety. Each school bus shall have conspicuously
36 painted on the rear and sides of such vehicles, in black lettering of a
37 size to be determined by the commissioner, the name of the school bus
38 company, the school bus company's telephone number and the school
39 bus number.

40 (c) Each school bus shall be equipped with special automatic,
41 electrically-operated flashing stop signals, which shall be independent
42 and separate from the braking, stop and tail lights of standard
43 equipment. Such flashing lights may include automatic traffic
44 signalling devices showing red and amber lights and shall be so
45 located that adequate warning will be afforded to both oncoming and
46 overtaking traffic, except that each school bus manufactured on and
47 after October 1, 1984, and registered for use in this state shall be
48 equipped with an eight-light warning system, showing two red
49 flashing stop signals and two amber flashing warning signals on the

50 front and rear of the bus, and a stop semaphore. The commissioner
51 may adopt standards for an eight-light warning system and standards
52 and specifications for the construction of school buses and for
53 equipment to be maintained on school buses consistent with the
54 provisions of sections 14-275 to 14-281, inclusive. Both public and
55 private owners of school buses shall maintain a record of such kinds of
56 repairs made to such buses as the commissioner may require and such
57 work record shall be available at all times to the commissioner and the
58 commissioner's designated assistants. All such maintenance records
59 shall be retained for a period of two years. Each school bus shall be
60 equipped with emergency lighting equipment as provided by section
61 14-97a, with a defrosting device as provided by section 14-97, with a
62 system of mirrors as provided in the Code of Federal Regulations Title
63 49, Section 571.111, as amended, or with an outside mirror as provided
64 by section 14-99 and a system of crossover mirrors designed and
65 mounted so as to give the driver a view of the road from the front
66 bumper forward to a point where direct observation is possible and
67 along the left and right sides of the bus, with a signalling device as
68 provided by section 14-101, and with chain nonskid devices for
69 immediate use on at least one outside or inside rear tire on each side or
70 tires designed to prevent skidding on all rear wheels when weather
71 and highway conditions require such use. Commencing February 1,
72 1974, each new school bus with a vehicle air brake system shall be so
73 equipped that the brake system is operated from a separate air
74 reservoir tank other than the air reservoir tank used to operate any
75 other compressed air or vacuum operated devices with which the
76 school bus may be equipped. The seating requirements of section 14-
77 273 shall be observed. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-98,
78 school buses may be equipped with tires incorporating a metal
79 nonskid device during the period from October fifteenth to April
80 thirtieth, inclusive.

81 (d) Each school bus shall be equipped with seat safety belts for all
82 passenger seats of such bus. The anchorage unit at the attachment
83 point shall be of such construction, design and strength as to support a

84 loop load strength of not less than four thousand pounds for each belt,
85 and the buckle or closing device shall be of such construction and
86 design that it can be released with one hand with a pull of less than
87 forty-five pounds.

88 [(d)] (e) Any person who violates [any provision] subsection (a), (b)
89 or (c) of this section shall, for a first offense, be deemed to have
90 committed an infraction, and for each subsequent offense shall be
91 fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred
92 dollars. "