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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 13-22—HB 5117**

*Public Safety and Security Committee*

*Judiciary Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING INCREASED PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO STOP FOR SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

**SUMMARY:** This act sets the fine for a motor vehicle operator's first-time failure to stop for a school crossing guard at \$450, instead of \$100 to \$500. In doing so, it increases the minimum and decreases the maximum fines for this violation. By law, unchanged by the act, the penalty for a subsequent violation is a fine of \$500 to \$1,000, imprisonment for up to 30 days, or both.

Under the act, if an on-duty school crossing guard observes a motorist violating the law and files a written report with police, the officer may issue a written warning or summons to the vehicle owner. The report must specify the (1) vehicle color, type, and license plate number and (2) date, approximate time, and location of the violation.

By law, when an on-duty school crossing guard on a highway or private road directs a motor vehicle operator to stop, the operator must stop at least 10 feet from the guard and wait for the guard's direction to continue.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

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