GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2015

HOUSE DRH30082-MLa-15C (11/24)

Short Title:	Evidence Passed Vehicle is a School Bus.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Lambeth and Hanes (Primary Sponsors).	
Referred to:		

2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR PROVING THAT A STOPPED VEHICLE PASSED BY ANOTHER MOTOR VEHICLE IS A "SCHOOL BUS" SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF G.S. 20-217, AND TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATED CAMERA AND VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL BUSES. 7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: SECTION 1. G.S. 20-217(b) reads as rewritten: "(b) For the purpose of this section, a school bust the term "school bus" includes a public school bus transporting children or school personnel, a public school bus transporting senior citizens under G.S. 115C-243, or a privately owned <u>school</u> bus transporting children. This section applies only in the event the school bus bears upon the front and rear a plainly visible sign containing the words "school bus. The following shall be prima facie evidence that a vehicle was a school bus, as defined in this section and Chapter, at the time of a violation of subsection (a) of this section: (1) A certified copy of a record from the Division showing the vehicle was registered as a school bus at the time of the violation of subsection (a) of this section. A certified copy of a record under this subdivision shall be admissible as evidence without further authentication. 20 (2) Testimony from the school bus driver, a passenger on the school bus, or the law enforcement officer investigating the violation of subsection (a) of this section." 21 SECTION 2.(a) Grant. – Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-5-2, there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to allocate to local boards of education for the purpose of purchasing and installing automated camera and video recording systems on school buse. The Department of Public Instr	1		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED	
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35 guidelines and procedures for the administration and distribution of grants under this section.				



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1 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2015. The remainder 2 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2015, and applies to offenses committed on or after

3 that date.