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HOUSE BILL 355
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Short Title: Evidence Passed Vehicle is a School Bus.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 26, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL METHODS FOR PROVING THAT A STOPPED
3 VEHICLE PASSED BY ANOTHER MOTOR VEHICLE IS A "SCHOOL BUS"
4 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF G.S. 20-217.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-217(b) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b) For the purpose of this section, ~~a school bus~~ the term "school bus" includes a public
8 school bus transporting children or school personnel, a public school bus transporting senior
9 citizens under G.S. 115C-243, or a privately owned school bus transporting children. ~~This~~
10 ~~section applies only in the event the school bus bears upon the front and rear a plainly visible~~
11 ~~sign containing the words "school bus."~~ The following shall be prima facie evidence that a
12 vehicle was a school bus, as defined in this section and Chapter, at the time of a violation of
13 subsection (a) of this section:

- 14 (1) A certified copy of a record from the Division showing the vehicle was
15 registered as a school bus at the time of the violation of subsection (a) of this
16 section. A certified copy of a record under this subdivision shall be
17 admissible as evidence without further authentication.
18 (2) Testimony from the school bus driver, a passenger on the school bus, or the
19 law enforcement officer investigating the violation of subsection (a) of this
20 section."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2015, and applies to offenses
22 committed on or after that date.



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