

Item Title: **Consideration and Evaluation of Implementing Session Law 2017-188, Civil Penalties for Passing a Stopped School Bus**

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners supports Session Law 2017-188, and requests WCPSS to evaluate implementation of the law and collaborate with the County staff as to development of an ordinance regarding the use of photographic or video evidence for the civil enforcement of violations for passing a stopped school bus.

Item Summary:

During the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly, Senate Bill 55 “School Bus Cameras/Civil Penalties” was adopted and signed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 55 authorizes counties to impose a civil penalty on the owner of a vehicle that is recorded unlawfully passing a stopped school bus by a school bus safety camera, as long as the driver is not criminally prosecuted and no injury or death occurred.

Penalties imposed under this statute are to remain within the county in which the violation occurred.

Counties are authorized to adopt an ordinance permitting the issuance of a citation and imposition of a civil penalty for passing a stopped school bus.

The civil penalty is \$400 for the first offense, \$750 for the second offense, and \$1,000 for a subsequent offense.

This item requests the Wake County Public School System, evaluate and research the implementation of Senate Bill 55 and to work with the County in developing the county-wide ordinance as appropriate.

Attachments:

1. Senate Bill 55, Session Law 2017-188
2. Senate Bill 55 Summary