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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1567

5 By: Representative Womack
6 By: Senator Crowell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF
10 IDENTIFICATION AND SAFETY DEVICES ON A SCHOOL BUS;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT
16 OF IDENTIFICATION AND SAFETY DEVICES ON A
17 SCHOOL BUS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-19-117(b), concerning school bus safety
23 equipment, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

24 (3) In addition to the lighting requirement under subdivision
25 (b)(1) of this section, a school bus that is purchased new or leased that is
26 to be used in Arkansas on or after January 1, 2024, shall be equipped with
27 alternating red warning lights required under § 27-51-1002(c)(1)(C).
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-51-1002(c)(1), concerning the lighting
30 required on a school bus, is amended to read as follows:

31 (c)(1)(A) ~~The~~ Except as provided under subdivision (c)(1)(C) of this
32 section, the state board is vested with full authority and responsibility to
33 shall prescribe by rule the number and location and other specifications for
34 alternating red warning lights on school buses operated in this state.

35 (B) Alternating red warning lights shall be operating at
36 all times when the buses are loading or unloading school children but at no



1 other time.

2 (C) In addition to the lighting requirements prescribed
3 under subdivision (c)(1)(A) of this section, alternating red warning lights
4 shall be placed:

5 (i) On the front and back of a school bus; and

6 (ii) At a height determined by the state board to be
7 at the line of vision of a person operating a motor vehicle within passing
8 distance of a school bus.

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