



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

House Bill 5402

Sponsor: Rep. Martha Scott

Committee: Transportation

Complete to 12-10-97

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5402 AS INTRODUCED 12-3-97

House Bill 5402 would amend the Pupil Transportation Act to provide for the use of "crossing control arms" on school buses. A "crossing control arm" would be defined to mean a visual aid connected to the electrical system and mounted on the front bumper of a school bus that automatically extends and contracts when the driver operates the electrical system of the bus. The bill would allow the Department of State Police to promulgate rules pertaining to the specifications and location of the crossing control arms. Further, the bill would allow a school to provide instruction on bus safety, including proper use of the crossing arms. Finally, the bill would allow a school district to purchase new school buses equipped with crossing arms, or retrofit any of its existing buses with crossing arms as of the effective date of the bill.

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