



Section 1174 of the Vehicle & Traffic Law

THE LAW SAYS:

- It is illegal - and very dangerous - to pass a stopped school bus when the large red lights located on top of the bus are flashing. Flashing lights mean the bus is picking up or discharging students.
- You must stop whether you are approaching the school bus from the front or overtaking it from the rear.
- You must always stop for flashing red lights, even on divided and multilane highways and on school grounds.
- The first-time fine for illegally passing a school bus is a \$250 to \$400 fine, 5 points on your license, and/or possibly 30 days in jail.
- Worse yet, the memory of hitting or killing a child may be one you carry for the rest of your life!



PENALTIES FOR PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS:

\$\$ -- FINES -- \$\$

By Conviction	Minimum Fine	Maximum Fine	Possible Imprisonment
First Conviction	\$250	\$400	Up to 30 days
Second Conviction (within 3 years)	\$600	\$750	Up to 180 days
Third or Subsequent Convictions (within 3 years)	\$750	\$1,000	Up to 180 days



REMEMBER:

Yellow lights mean the bus is going to stop. Slow down!

Red lights mean students are getting on or off the bus.

STOP! STOP! STOP!