

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1039**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 30, 2012  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Brasch  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to school bus safety requirements

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Price  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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<b>Proponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Senator Brasch	Introducer
Chuck Hall	Blair Community Schools
Richard Casey	Bellevue Public Schools
Fred Carritt	Washington County Sheriff's Department

<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 1039 requires a \$500 fine and an assessment of 3 points for a violation of failing to stop for a school bus.

Section 1 amends Sec. 60-4,182 to assess 3 points to a person's driving record for a violation of failing to stop for a school bus.

Section 2 amends Sec. 60-6,175 to make minor changes to the required procedures involved with a school bus stopping and signaling. It also requires anyone guilty of violating this section to be fined \$500 and be assessed the requisite 3 points.

The section also authorizes a school bus to load or unload children in area where proper signage is placed in both directions and indicates a school bus stop is ahead.

In addition, the section requires school-sponsored activities using a school bus to follow proper procedures with respect to bus markings and use of the stop signal arm and lights.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment, AM 1796, strikes the original sections and becomes the bill. Specifically, the amendment introduces new language into Sec. 60-6,175 that references the flashing red light signals that school buses are required

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to be equipped with. The new language differentiates between the yellow and red light signals, which helps clarify when a driver is required to stop when encountering a school bus.

Additionally, AM 1796 provides an avenue for a school bus to stop and unload and load children when the required 400 feet of clear vision is not possible. Proper signage must be installed indicating a school bus stop is ahead.

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Deb Fischer, Chairperson