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sSB-420

AN ACT CONCERNING ILLEGALLY PASSING A SCHOOL BUS.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 4960)

Senate Calendar No.: 191

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## ***OFA Fiscal Note***

### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Loss	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

***Municipal Impact:*** See Below

### ***Explanation***

The bill results in a potential revenue loss to the state and municipalities beginning in FY 25 to the extent that less fines are issued as it establishes certain conditions under which drivers can pass a school bus.<sup>1</sup>

The bill restricts municipalities from using live digital video school bus detection monitoring systems or extending an agreement with a private vendor to use these live monitoring systems to enforce state law. This results in a potential revenue loss to municipalities to the extent they no longer collect fines from violations. This also results in a potential saving to municipalities to the extent they no longer pay for a vendor.

Municipalities are permitted to instead adopt an ordinance to use municipal violation enforcement systems to enforce and monitor the illegal passing of a school bus and requires (1) the ordinance includes a

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<sup>1</sup> In FY 23, \$288,035 was collected for similar offenses.

fine of \$250 for each violation and (2) a citation be sent by first class mail within a specified time frame.

This results in a potential cost to municipalities to the extent that (1) these violation enforcement systems are not already installed and (2) citations are mailed via first class mail. There is also a potential revenue gain to municipalities to the extent that fines are issued for violation of this ordinance.

The bill also permits municipalities to enter into an agreement with a private vendor for installation and operation of the violation enforcement systems to enforce the municipal ordinance. This results in a potential cost to municipalities beginning in FY 25 to pay for the vendor.

Senate "A" eliminates the original bill and its associated fiscal impact, and results in the impact described above.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations.

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