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House Bill 5581 (Substitute H-3 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Rick Jones  
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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Pupil Transportation Act to revise the standard by which a school bus is considered "clearly and continuously visible" with regard to procedures for receiving or discharging pupils.

Under the Act, when using the alternately flashing overhead red lights, a school bus driver may not stop on any highway or roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils under the following circumstances:

- The speed limit is more than 35 miles per hour and the stopped bus is not clearly and continuously visible to approaching vehicles for at least 400 feet.
- The speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less and the stopped bus is not clearly and continuously visible to approaching vehicles for at least 200 feet.

A school bus is considered clearly and continuously visible if approaching traffic is able to see the entire width of the front and back of the bus from a horizontal line tangent with the top of its front and rear bumpers to a horizontal line tangent with the vehicle's most forward and rearward roofline for the entire 400-foot sight line to the school bus with no obstruction of the area for the entire 400-foot sight line to the school bus in its stopped position.

Under the bill, instead, a school bus would be clearly and continuously visible if both of the following conditions were satisfied:

- Approaching traffic was able to see the front of the bus extending from the roofline to and including the headlamps at the prescribed distances.
- Approaching traffic was able to see the back of the bus extending from the roofline to and including the tail lamps and stop lamps at the prescribed distances.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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