

Legislative Analysis



MINIMUM FINE FOR SCHOOL BUS CIVIL INFRACTION

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House Bill 6201 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Jack O'Malley
Committee: Military, Veterans and Homeland Security
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 6201 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to change the minimum civil fine that must be ordered for a driver who fails to stop for, or passes, a school bus that has stopped and is displaying flashing red lights.

Currently a driver who commits this offense, whether in violation of the code or a substantially similar local ordinance, is responsible for a civil infraction and must be ordered to pay costs and a civil fine of \$100 to \$500.¹

Under the bill, the driver would instead be ordered to pay costs and a civil fine of \$500.

House Bill 6201 is tie-barred to House Bill 5041, which means that it could not take effect unless that bill were also enacted. (House Bill 5041 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a school bus to be equipped with a stop-arm camera system.)

House Bill 6201 would take effect 90 days after its enactment.

MCL 257.907

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 6201 would have an indeterminate fiscal impact on public and county law libraries. Under the bill, a person ordered to pay a civil fine for failure to stop for a school bus displaying flashing red lights would be required to pay a \$500 fine instead of the current fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500. Under section 909 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, revenue from civil fines ordered for violations of the code are to be applied exclusively to the support of public and county law libraries; therefore, the potential increase in fine revenue would benefit libraries.

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¹ The driver also may be ordered to perform up to 100 hours of community service at a school. The bill would not change this provision, which is in another section of law.