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H.B. No. 3457

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to idling the diesel engine of a school bus while the bus
3 is parked at a public school or school event.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Education Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 34.0041 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 34.0041. IDLING BUS DIESEL ENGINE AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL
8 EVENT PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "idling" means allowing an
9 engine to run while the motor vehicle is not engaged in forward or
10 reverse motion.

11 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the driver of a
12 school bus equipped with a diesel engine may not allow the idling of
13 the bus engine while the bus is parked at a school or school event.

14 (c) Subsection (b) does not prohibit the idling of a school
15 bus diesel engine for the minimum time necessary to heat or cool the
16 bus before departure, provided that the engine is turned off when a
17 student is embarking or disembarking.

18 SECTION 2. Section 34.0041, Education Code, as added by
19 this Act, applies beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.