

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.B. No. 149

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the penalty for illegally passing a stopped school bus.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 545.066(c), Transportation Code, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (c) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
7 punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$500  
8 [~~\$1,000~~], except that the offense is:

9 (1) a Class A misdemeanor if the person causes serious  
10 bodily injury to another; or

11 (2) a state jail felony if the person has been  
12 previously convicted under Subdivision (1).

13 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
14 only to an offense committed on or after September 1, 2009.

15 (b) An offense committed before September 1, 2009, is  
16 covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the  
17 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
18 this subsection, an offense was committed before September 1, 2009,  
19 if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.