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(Canales)

S.B. No. 445

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 445:

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C.S.S.B. No. 445

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the use of a flashing warning signal light and certain
3 other equipment by a person operating a school bus.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 547.701, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (c) When a school bus is being stopped or is stopped on a
9 highway to permit students to board or exit the bus, the operator of
10 the bus shall activate all flashing warning signal lights and other
11 equipment on the bus designed to warn other drivers that the bus is
12 stopping to load or unload children.

13 (c-1) A person may not operate [~~such~~] a light or other
14 equipment described by Subsection (c) except when a school [~~the~~]
15 bus is being stopped or is stopped on a highway to:

16 (1) permit a student [~~students~~] to board or exit the
17 bus; or

18 (2) distribute to a student or the parent or guardian
19 of a student:

20 (A) food; or

21 (B) technological equipment for use by the
22 student for educational purposes.

23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
24 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
2 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
3 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
4 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
5 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
6 before that date.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.