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H.B. No. 648

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the enforcement of the prohibition on passing a school bus using images from a school bus monitoring system.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 542, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 542.207 to read as follows:

Sec. 542.207. USE OF SCHOOL BUS MONITORING SYSTEM IMAGES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN OFFENSES. (a) In this section, "school bus monitoring system" means a camera installed on a school bus for the purpose of detecting violations described by Section 545.066.

(b) Notwithstanding Sections 707.020 and 707.021, a local authority or a school district may issue a civil or criminal charge or citation, as applicable, for a violation described by Section 545.066 based on a recorded image produced by a school bus monitoring system. The recorded image may be used as evidence in a proceeding for the violation.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.