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S.B. No. 744

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the enforcement of the prohibition on passing a school
3 bus using images and video from a school bus infraction detection
4 system.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 707.001, Transportation Code, is amended
7 by adding Subdivision (4-a) to read as follows:

8 (4-a) "School bus infraction detection system" means a
9 camera system affixed to a school bus with two or more camera
10 sensors or computers that produce a recorded video and two or more
11 film or digital photographic still images for the purpose of
12 detecting violations described by Section 545.066.

13 SECTION 2. Section 707.020, Transportation Code, is amended
14 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
15 follows:

16 (a) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by
17 Subsection (a-1), a local authority may not implement or operate a
18 photographic traffic signal enforcement system with respect to a
19 highway or street under the jurisdiction of the authority.

20 (a-1) This section does not apply to a school bus infraction
21 detection system installed and operated by a school district or
22 open-enrollment charter school in this state.

23 SECTION 3. Section 707.021, Transportation Code, is amended
24 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 707.021. USE OF EVIDENCE FROM PHOTOGRAPHIC TRAFFIC
2 SIGNAL ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM PROHIBITED. (a) Notwithstanding any
3 other law and except as provided by Subsection (b), a local
4 authority may not issue a civil or criminal charge or citation for
5 an offense or violation based on a recorded image produced by a
6 photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

7 (b) This section does not apply to the issuance by a
8 municipality, county, school district, or open-enrollment charter
9 school of a civil or criminal charge or citation, as applicable, for
10 a violation described by Section 545.066 based on the use of
11 recorded image-based evidence collected from a school bus
12 infraction detection system installed and operated by a school
13 district or open-enrollment charter school in this state.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.