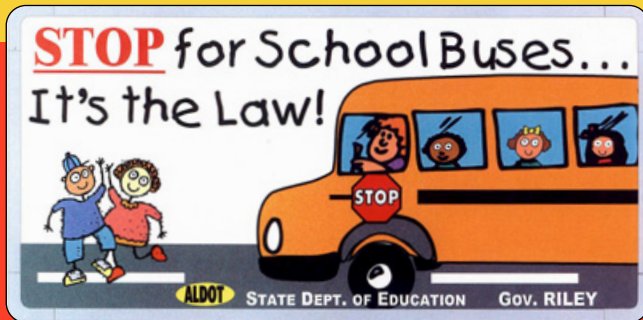# Alabama's _NEW_ School Bus Stop Law

Effective October 1, 2006

"The driver of a vehicle upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children on a highway, on a roadway, on school property, or upon a private road shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop before reaching the school bus …"

"The driver of a vehicle upon a divided highway having four or more lanes which permits at least two lanes of traffic to travel in opposite directions need not stop the vehicle upon meeting a school bus which is stopped in the opposing roadway …"

STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES … IT'S THE LAW!

1st Offense: ....$150 - $300 Fine

2nd Offense: ......$300 - $500 Fine, 100 hours community service, 30 day driver license suspension

3rd Offense: ......$500 - $1000 Fine, 200 hours community service, 90 day driver license suspension

4th Offense: ....$1000 - $3000 Fine, Class "C" Felony, one year driver license suspension

REPORT VIOLATIONS OF THE SCHOOL BUS PASSING LAW TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT!

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Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2101
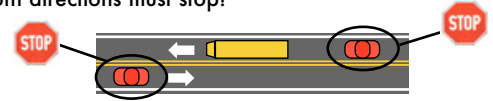phone: (334) 242-9730 · fax: (334) 353-7953 · www.alsde.edu

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School Bus Safety Brochure

Requirements to Drive a School Bus in Alabama
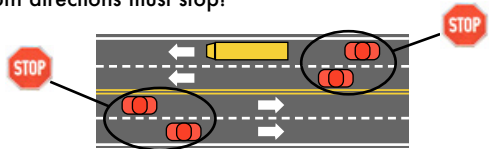
Alabama Pupil Transportation Facts

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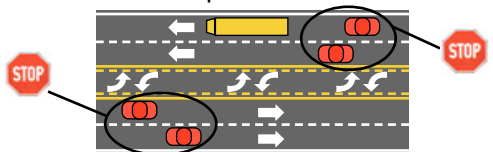

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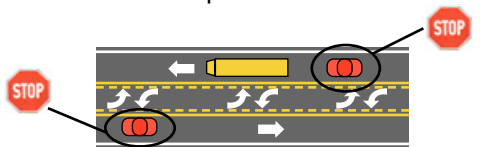When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!

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5 Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation:
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.

Alabama Department of Education, Pupil Transportation Section, Montgomery, Alabama