

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 12-803 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-803) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-803)

7 Sec. 12-803. (a) Each school bus shall be equipped with a
8 stop signal arm on the driver's side of the school bus that may
9 be operated either manually or mechanically. Each ~~For each~~
10 school bus ~~manufactured on and after September 1, 1992, the~~
11 stop signal arm shall be an octagon shaped semaphore that
12 conforms to 49 C.F.R. 571.131, "SCHOOL BUS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
13 DEVICES", S5.1 through S5.5.

14 (b) Each school bus manufactured prior to September 1,
15 1992 shall be equipped with a stop signal arm that conforms to
16 standards promulgated by the Department.

17 (c) A school bus may be equipped with an extension to the
18 required stop arm that partially obstructs the roadway to
19 ensure passenger safety.

20 (d) A maximum of 2 extensions to the required stop arms may
21 be installed on the driver's side of the school bus.

22 (e) In addition to the lighting systems required under
23 Section 12-805, each extension to the required stop arm must

1 be equipped with a system of flashing red lights. The front
2 side extension to the required stop arm must extend no more
3 than 78 inches, measured from the side of the bus to furthest
4 part of the extension to the required stop arm, and at a height
5 not less than 36 inches from the ground. The rear side
6 extension to the required stop arm must meet the same
7 specification as the front side extension to the required stop
8 arm except that it may not extend more than 32 inches, measured
9 from the side of the bus to the furthest part of the extension
10 to the required stop arm.

11 (f) No driver of a motor vehicle may make contact with any
12 portion of a stopped school bus, including an extension to the
13 required stop arm, or make contact with a school child within
14 30 feet of the school bus. A driver of motor vehicle that
15 violates this subsection shall be subject to the penalties
16 under Section 11-1414.

17 (Source: P.A. 88-415.)

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.