

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 5.595 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.595 new)

7 Sec. 5.595. The School Bus Toll Free Hotline Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
9 adding Section 12-816 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/12-816 new)

11 Sec. 12-816. Bus driver complaints; reporting and
12 investigation.

13 (a) Any school bus operating in the State of Illinois,
14 as defined in Section 1-182 of this Code, must display a toll
15 free number, which may be contacted to report the improper
16 operation of a school bus. The toll free number must be
17 conspicuously displayed on the exterior of every school bus.

18 (b) The Secretary of State, subject to appropriation,
19 shall adopt rules establishing a toll free number that may be
20 contacted to report the improper operation of a school bus.
21 In addition, the Secretary of State shall establish by rule a
22 procedure for response to these reports and a procedure under
23 which the reports are forwarded to the appropriate law
24 enforcement and school officials within a reasonable period
25 of time.

26 (c) There shall be established in the Office of
27 Secretary of State, subject to appropriation, a division
28 exclusively dedicated to handling receipt, investigation, and
29 follow up of all complaints related to this Section. This

1 division shall also be responsible for all administrative
2 hearings that occur as result of action taken by the
3 Secretary in conjunction with the rules provided for in
4 subsection (b) of this Section.

5 (d) The School Bus Toll Free Hotline Fund is created as
6 a special fund in the State treasury. The moneys in the fund
7 shall come from appropriations. All moneys in the School Bus
8 Toll Free Hotline Fund shall, subject to appropriation, be
9 used to implement the activities required under this Section.