

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/SB 994 — Student Transportation Safety

by Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; Transportation Committee; and Senator Burgess

The bill revises various provisions relating to the camera enforcement of traffic infractions related to passing of a stopped school bus. Specifically, the bill:

- Authorizes a private vendor or manufacturer of a school bus infraction detector system to receive a fixed amount of collected proceeds for services rendered regarding a school bus infraction detection system.
- Eliminates the requirement for the required signage on school buses with school bus infraction detection systems to be highly reflective.
- Provides that a court having jurisdiction over traffic violations must determine if a traffic violation occurred using a school bus infraction detection system and provides penalties if the court determines a violation has taken place.
- Allocates civil penalties from these systems to the appropriate school district to pay for the program's operation and school transportation safety initiatives, bus driver recruitment and retention stipends, or other student transportation safety enhancements.
- Provides that the collection of evidence from a school bus infraction detection system does not constitute remote surveillance.
- Limits the use of video and images from the system to traffic enforcement and for purposes of determining civil or criminal liability.
- Requires a \$25 administrative charge from a violation to be remitted to the participating school district and be used for the purposes listed above.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming a law.

Vote: Senate 25-9; House 111-4