

# School Bus Stop-Arm Cameras

State	Statute	Summary	Fine Revenue Dedicated to whom?	Authorized Locality	Warning sign required if operating an on bus camera?	Private Vendors Allowed?	Privacy Safeguards
Alabama	Ala. Code § 16-27A-1, <i>et seq.</i>	Any board of education or governing body of a school system may approve the use of electronic devices to detect school bus violations	40% to the governing body which contracted for the program, 40% to the school system where the offense was committed, 10% to State Department of Education for school bus safety initiatives, 10% to Alabama Law Enforcement Agency	Any school board may authorize without the involvement of the governing body or sheriff	N/A	Yes	Images cannot contain the face of driver or passengers in the vehicle. Images must be destroyed within 90 days of recording if they do not identify a violation
	SB 215 (2016)						
Arkansas	Ark. Code Ann. § 6-19-130, as created by HB 1144 (2017)	Allows the installation and operation of an automated school bus safety camera	N/A	Public school district or open-enrollment public charter school	N/A	Yes	N/A
Arkansas	A.C.A. § 6-19-125	Safety Equipment Grant Pilot Program – grants for video recording devices are awarded to school districts based on high incident of violations and other factors. The recording device captures the motor vehicle, operator of the vehicle and the license plate.	N/A	A school district through grants from the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Connecticut	Conn. Gen. Stat. § 14-279 § 14-279a and	Local boards of education may install, operate and maintain live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring systems.	12% to the Special Transportation Fund.	A municipality or local or regional board of education	Yes	Private vendors may be contracted with for the installation, operation and maintenance of monitoring systems.	Shall not record images of the occupants
	§ 14-279b	A warning sign shall be posted on all school buses in which a monitoring system is installed and operational indicating the use of such system.	8% to the state General Fund.				Shall not record images of any other persons or vehicles
		A monitoring system shall be installed so as to record images of the license plate number of a motor vehicle only, and shall not record images of the occupants of such motor vehicle or of any other persons or vehicles in the vicinity at the time the images are recorded.	Remainder to be remitted to the municipalities after any reimbursement to the private vendor.				

Georgia	O.C.G.A. § 40-6-163	School districts are allowed to install and operate a video recording device mounted on a school bus with a clear view of vehicles passing the bus on either side and showing the date and time the recording was made and an electronic symbol showing the activation of amber lights, flashing red lights, stop arms, and brakes.	N/A	A school system may enter into an intergovernmental agreement with a local governing authority.	N/A	N/A	Images shall not be public record.
Illinois	Ill. Ann. Stat. ch. 5, §11-208(i)	Authorizes a municipality or county to create an ordinance which would implement an "automated traffic law enforcement system" for the purpose of catching violators of state or local traffic laws involving approaching, overtaking and passing a school bus.	Divided equally between the school district and the municipality or county.	School districts, upon approval by the school board, may implement program if a municipality or county enacts an ordinance providing for automated traffic law enforcement systems.	Yes, and municipalities, counties and school districts must give public notice of their use of school bus monitoring.	School districts may contract with vendors for the installation, maintenance, and operation.	Images are confidential.
Illinois	Ill. Ann. Stat. ch. 5, §11-208.9	Creates a framework for the implementation and operation of an "automated traffic law enforcement system". Establishes conditions as to the type and number of photos or videos to be taken; establishes standards for the storing of digital records; creates requirements for notification to the public of "automated traffic law enforcement	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maryland	Md. Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code Ann. §7-302 and §10-311	Authorizes a recorded image taken by a school bus monitoring camera to be used in proceedings for a civil citation for the violation of state laws concerning the passing of school vehicles.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Maryland	Md. Transportation Code Ann. §21-706.1	Authorizes a school bus monitoring camera to be used in conjunction with school bus driver reporting of traffic violations. Establishes conditions as to the type and number of photos or videos to be taken; sets requirements for the notification of violations; creates a process for citizens to challenge a charge of violation; sets limits of penalties for citations due to camera recordings.	After covering costs of the program any remaining balance may be used solely for public safety purposes, including pedestrian safety programs.	If authorized by the governing body of the local jurisdiction, a law enforcement	N/A	N/A	N/A
			The Comptroller shall deposit any money remaining to the General Fund of the State	agency, in consultation with the county board of education, may place school bus			
				monitoring cameras on county school buses.			
Mississippi	Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-41-59	Authorizes every school district to mount a camera on a retractable, hand-operated stop sign that is part of the school bus	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
North Carolina	N.C. Gen. Stat. § 20-217	Authorizes automated camera and video recording systems to be used to detect and prosecute violations.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pennsylvania	Pa. Cons. Stat. tit. 75 § 3345, et seq. as created by SB 1098 (2018)	A School Entity, subject to the vote of the local board of school directors, may install and operate a side stop signal arm enforcement system for the purposes of enforcing provisions relating to meeting or overtaking a school bus.	A fine of \$250, plus a surcharge of \$35. The \$35 surcharge must be deposited in the school bus safety grant program account.	"School Entity" - A school district, area vocational-technical school, intermediate unit, charter school, regional charter school or cyber charter school.	No	A school entity may enter into an agreement with a private vendor or manufacturer to provide a side stop sign arm enforcement system.	Images obtained through the use of a side stop sign arm enforcement system shall be destroyed within year of final disposition of the recorded event and the vendor shall notify the school entity that the records have been destroyed. Registered vehicle owner information obtained is not the property or manufacturer or vendor of the system and may not be used for any purpose other than prescribed.
Rhode Island	R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-51-2	School departments are authorized to install digital video school bus violation detection monitoring	75% to vendor	All school departments	Yes	Yes	Images not public record
			12.5% to state general fund				
			12.5% to the municipality where violation occurred				
South Carolina	S.C. Code Ann. §56-5-2770(D)(2) (2014 HB 5014)	Permits a school bus to be equipped with a video camera which records passing traffic. Cameras must have a digital timestamp and digital confirmation of the activation of visual flashing lights.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

South Carolina	§56-5-2773 (2014 HB 5014)	A uniform traffic citation may be issued based on the digital recording from such video camera.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Utah	Utah Code Ann. §§ 41-6a-1302, 41-6a-1310 HB 235 (2017)	Allows the use of automated traffic enforcement safety devices to captures photos or videos of vehicles unlawfully overtaking or passing a school bus	20% to school district or private school that owns or contracts for the operation of the bus to offset the costs of the automated traffic enforcement safety device, 40% to the treasurer of the state or local governmental entity that prosecutes or that would prosecute the violation, and 40% to the General Fund	School district or private school	N/A	N/A	The State Board of Education may make rules to address student privacy concerns that may arise from the use of an automated traffic enforcement safety device
Virginia	Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-844	A local ordinance may authorize the school district to install and operate a video-monitoring system in or on the school buses.	Local school division	Locality may authorize school divisions to install cameras	N/A	School division may choose to allow vendor to operate.	N/A
Washington	Rev. Code Wash. § 46.63.180	School districts are allowed to install and operate automated school bus safety cameras to detect violations of drivers that overtake and pass stopped school buses. Automated school bus safety cameras may only take pictures of the vehicle and vehicle license plate and only while an infraction is occurring.	School districts for school zone safety projects and school bus safety projects; minus any administrative and operational expenses	Vote by board of directors of a school district	N/A	Just for installation and maintenance	Picture must not reveal the face of the driver or passengers; not open to the public; may not be retained longer than necessary to enforce a violation
	§ 46.61.370	Infractions detected through the use of the automated school bus safety camera do not go on the driver's record.					
West Virginia	W. Va. Code § 17C-12-7	Every county board of education is authorized to mount a camera on any school bus for the purpose of enforcing this section or for any other lawful purpose.	N/A	County board of education	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wyoming	Wyo. Stat. § 21-3-131	Requires every school bus be equipped with an external video system and authorizes the use of an internal video system.	N/A	All school districts	N/A	N/A	N/A