

By Senator Hooper

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to school bus safety; amending s.
3 318.18, F.S.; revising civil penalties for certain
4 violations relating to stopping for a school bus;
5 providing an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (5) of
10 section 318.18, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

11 318.18 Amount of penalties.—The penalties required for a
12 noncriminal disposition pursuant to s. 318.14 or a criminal
13 offense listed in s. 318.17 are as follows:

14 (5) (a) Two ~~One~~ hundred dollars for a violation of s.
15 316.172(1) (a), failure to stop for a school bus. If, at a
16 hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed this
17 offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of \$200
18 ~~\$100~~. In addition to this penalty, for a second or subsequent
19 offense within a period of 5 years, the department shall suspend
20 the driver license of the person for not less than 180 ~~90~~ days
21 and not more than 1 year ~~6 months~~.

22 (b) Four ~~Two~~ hundred dollars for a violation of s.
23 316.172(1) (b), passing a school bus on the side that children
24 enter and exit when the school bus displays a stop signal. If,
25 at a hearing, the alleged offender is found to have committed
26 this offense, the court shall impose a minimum civil penalty of
27 \$400 ~~\$200~~. In addition to this penalty, for a second or
28 subsequent offense within a period of 5 years, the department
29 shall suspend the driver license of the person for not less than

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30 360 ~~180~~ days and not more than 2 years ~~1 year~~.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.