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HB 2532

Dear Chairman Patton and Members of House Judiciary Committee

According to Kansas law, the driver of a vehicle meeting or overtaking any stopped school bus from either direction must stop before reaching the bus when the flashing red lights are in operation. The driver cannot proceed until the school bus resumes motion and the flashing red lights and the stop signal arm are no longer active.

The Kansas State Department of Education has asked school districts across the State to voluntarily take part in a school bus safety survey since 2013. The survey has been conducted for one day in April. The results are shown below. It also estimated that there are over 1,000 violations daily for Kansas.

Kansas One Day Stop Arm Violation Count

Illegal Passes Observed

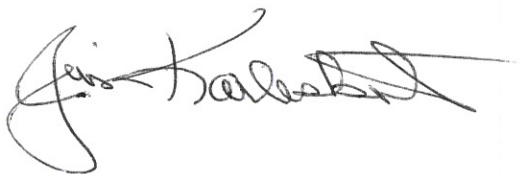
	Number of Districts Participating	Number of Buses Participating	AM	Mid Day	PM	Total	Passed from Front	Passed from Rear	Passed on Left Side of Bus	Passed on Right Side of Bus	Average Buses/ Passes
April 2013	No Data	1858	249	50	276	575	413	164	559	16	30.95%
April 2014	No Data	2221	334	77	387	798	575	193	732	31	35.93%
April 2015	No Data	2228	488	88	515	1091	700	330	987	23	48.97%
April 2016	No Data	2163	421	52	520	993	736	233	952	11	45.91%
April 2017	188	2527	310	39	342	691	515	176	672	19	27.34%
April 2018	214	3347	453	58	519	1030	716	314	1002	28	30.77%
April 2019	220	3300	410	86	544	1040	758	282	1021	19	31.52%

Source: National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services National Stop Arm Violation Count on 1 Day

HB2532 will provide for a much stronger enforcement of the law and provide for a safer ride for students to and from school.

Thank you for consideration of HB2532.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Karleskint". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Representative Jim Karleskint

Representative 42nd District