

By: Representative Green

To: Education;  
Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1109

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-41-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REQUIRE THE DRIVER OF EVERY SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE TO  
3 OPEN THE SERVICE DOOR AND DRIVER'S WINDOW AND LOOK AND LISTEN FOR  
4 AN APPROACHING TRAIN AT ALL RAILROAD CROSSINGS; AND FOR RELATED  
5 PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-41-55, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 37-41-55. The driver of every school transportation vehicle  
10 used to transport pupils, on approaching any railroad crossing or  
11 highway intersection shall bring the vehicle to a complete stop  
12 and shall not proceed until the driver of such vehicle has  
13 determined that it is safe to proceed. In addition, the driver  
14 shall open the service door and driver's window and look and  
15 listen for an approaching train at all railroad crossings. Any  
16 driver who shall fail to bring his vehicle to a complete stop as  
17 herein required shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon  
18 conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than Twenty-five  
19 Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for  
20 each such offense.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
22 and after July 1, 2003.

