

By: Senator(s) Dickerson

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2587

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-41-55, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS TO OPEN THE SERVICE DOOR AND
3 DRIVER'S WINDOW UPON APPROACHING RAILROAD CROSSINGS; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 37-41-55. The driver of every school transportation vehicle
9 used to transport pupils, on approaching any railroad
10 crossing, * * * shall (a) bring the vehicle to a complete stop,
11 (b) open the service door and driver's window, and (c) listen for
12 approaching trains, and shall not proceed until the driver of such
13 vehicle has determined that it is safe to proceed. The driver of
14 every school transportation vehicle used to transport pupils, on
15 approaching any highway intersection, shall bring the vehicle to a
16 complete stop and shall not proceed until the driver of such
17 vehicle has determined that it is safe to proceed. Any driver who
18 shall fail to bring his vehicle to a complete stop and follow the
19 procedures prescribed as herein required shall be guilty of a
20 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less
21 than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred
22 Dollars (\$100.00) for each such offense.

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

