

By: Senator(s) Dickerson

To: Education

SENATE BILL NO. 2587
(As Sent to Governor)

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; TO INCREASE
4 THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
5 SECTION; AND FOR RELATED 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
11 crossing, * * * shall (a) bring the vehicle to a complete stop,
12 (b) open the service door and driver's window, and (c) listen for
13 approaching trains, and shall not proceed until the driver of such
14 vehicle has determined that it is safe to proceed. The driver of
15 every school transportation vehicle used to transport pupils, on
16 approaching any highway intersection, shall bring the vehicle to a
17 complete stop and shall not proceed until the driver of such
18 vehicle has determined that it is safe to proceed. Any driver who
19 shall fail to bring his vehicle to a complete stop and follow the
20 procedures prescribed as herein required shall be guilty of a
21 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less
22 than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Two Hundred Fifty
23 Dollars (\$250.00) for each such offense.

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

