
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1120

State of Washington

64th Legislature

2015 Regular Session

By House Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Wilcox, Reykdal, G. Hunt, Haler, Ortiz-Self, and Muri)

1 AN ACT Relating to providing immunity for school bus drivers; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.160 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.160
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 A school bus driver who has a valid commercial driver's license
7 issued in accordance with chapter 46.25 RCW is immune from civil or
8 criminal liability for acts that (1) the driver reasonably believes
9 are necessary, (2) are taken in good faith, (3) are taken while the
10 driver was acting within the scope of his or her employment or
11 duties, and (4) are taken when coming to the aid of a student rider
12 on the bus that the driver reasonably believes is in imminent danger
13 of bodily injury or death or are taken to protect the driver when the
14 driver reasonably believes himself or herself to be in imminent
15 danger of bodily injury or death. Actions that may be granted
16 immunity under this section include, but are not limited to, the use
17 of reasonable force in self-defense, defense of another person, or
18 protecting another from self-inflicted harm.

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