

**Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District**

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Automated School Bus Stop-Arm Camera System

A. Purpose and Statutory Authority

1. **Purpose:** To establish the framework and procedures for the installation, operation, and administration of Automated School Bus Stop-Arm Camera Systems (the "System") within the District's transportation fleet to enhance student safety, deter illegal passing of stopped school buses, and reduce associated risks to children.
2. **Statutory Authority:** This policy is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by **Nevada Assembly Bill 527 (AB 527) of the 2025 Legislative Session**, codified in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 392, effective July 1, 2025.

B. Policy Scope and System Implementation

1. **Authorization:** The District is authorized to install, operate, and maintain automated stop-arm cameras on its school buses or buses operating under a contract with the District.
2. **Implementation Partner:** The Superintendent is authorized to enter into an agreement with a qualified vendor (the "Vendor") for the procurement, installation, maintenance, and operation of the System, including the necessary software and data management tools. The agreement shall stipulate that the initial and ongoing costs of the System are primarily funded through the civil penalties collected from violations, as permitted by AB 527.
3. **System Activation:** The cameras shall be configured to activate only when the school bus stop arm is extended and the red flashing lights are illuminated, capturing video and/or still images of vehicles that illegally pass the stopped school bus.

C. Violation Detection, Review, and Citation Process

1. **Evidence Collection:** The System shall record data, including the date, time, location, license plate number, and a clear visual record of the vehicle committing the violation.
2. **Law Enforcement Partnership:** The District shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the designated local law enforcement agency(ies) to establish clear protocols for:
 - o Securely transferring the collected violation evidence.
 - o Reviewing the evidence to confirm the violation occurred as defined by NRS.

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- Law enforcement issuing a civil infraction notice (citation) to the registered owner of the vehicle.
- 3. **Citations and Penalties:**
 - The violation shall constitute a **civil infraction** only.
 - Citations shall be issued to the **registered owner** of the vehicle.
 - A violation under this System **shall not** be recorded as a criminal violation and **shall not** add demerit points to the driver's record.

D. Data Management and Privacy Protection

1. **Focus on Violation:** The System shall be deployed with reasonable effort to limit the capture of images that identify the occupants of the violating vehicle. The primary focus of the captured data is the vehicle and its license plate.
2. **Data Security:** The District and its Vendor shall ensure all video and image data is stored and transmitted securely in compliance with all state and federal privacy laws.
3. **Data Deletion Mandate:** All recorded images and videos that **do not** document a civil infraction shall be **destroyed or deleted within 90 days** of the recording date. Images and videos used as evidence for an ongoing citation shall be maintained only until final disposition of the citation.
4. **FERPA Compliance:** Data related to student presence or activity on the bus shall be handled strictly in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

E. Public Awareness and Implementation Timeline

1. **Required Awareness Campaign:** Prior to the commencement of issuing civil fines, the District shall conduct a comprehensive **public awareness campaign** for a period of no less than **30 calendar days**.
2. **Campaign Elements:** The campaign shall inform the public about:
 - The provisions of AB 527 and the penalties for illegal passing.
 - The installation and operation of the stop-arm camera systems.
 - The date on which enforcement and the issuance of civil fines will begin.
3. **Implementation Date:** The Superintendent shall set an official date for the commencement of enforcement after satisfying the public awareness campaign requirement.

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F. Financial Management

1. **Funding Mechanism:** All revenue generated from the civil penalties collected under this program shall be used exclusively to cover the costs associated with the System, including:
 - Installation, maintenance, and operation of the cameras and associated technology.
 - Administration of the citation and collection process.
 - Costs incurred by law enforcement in reviewing evidence and issuing citations.
 - Costs of the mandatory public awareness campaigns.
2. **Accountability:** The Superintendent shall provide the Board of Trustees with an annual report detailing the revenue generated from the System and the expenditures allocated to its operation.

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Date Revised: