



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 620**

February Session, 2026

Substitute Senate Bill No. 508

*Senate, April 14, 2026*

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WINFIELD of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR REPEATEDLY FAILING TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-111 of the 2026 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

4 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) or (3) of this subsection,  
5 whenever the holder of any motor vehicle operator's license has been  
6 convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a suspended  
7 judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, the  
8 commissioner shall, without hearing, suspend such person's operator's  
9 license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state as follows:  
10 For a first violation of subsection (a) or subdivision (1) of subsection (b)  
11 of section 14-224 or section 14-110, 14-215 or 53a-119b, for a period of  
12 not less than one year and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a  
13 period of not less than two years; for a third and any subsequent

14 violation of subsection (a) of section 14-279, for a period of six months;  
15 for a violation of section 14-222, for a period of not less than thirty days  
16 or more than ninety days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a  
17 period of not less than ninety days; for a violation of subdivision (2) or  
18 (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-224, for a period of not less than ninety  
19 days and for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than  
20 one year; for a first or second violation of subsection (c) of section 14-  
21 224, for a period of forty-five days and for a subsequent violation  
22 thereof, for a period of two years; for a first violation of subsection (b),  
23 (d) or (e) of section 14-147, for a period of not less than ninety days and,  
24 for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period of not less than five years;  
25 for a first violation of subsection (c) of section 14-147, for a period of not  
26 less than thirty days and, for a subsequent violation thereof, for a period  
27 of not less than one year.

28 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14-111b and except as  
29 provided in subdivision (3) of this subsection, whenever the holder of  
30 any motor vehicle operator's license or youth instruction permit who is  
31 less than eighteen years of age or whenever a person who does not hold  
32 an operator's license who is less than eighteen years of age has been  
33 convicted or has forfeited any bond taken or has received a suspended  
34 judgment or sentence for any of the following violations, the  
35 commissioner shall suspend such person's operator's license or  
36 privilege to obtain an operator's license as follows: For a first violation  
37 of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 14-219 or subdivision (4)  
38 of subsection (b) of section 14-219, for a period of sixty days and, for a  
39 second violation thereof, for a period of ninety days and, for a third or  
40 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of six months; for a first  
41 violation of section 14-222, for a period of six months and, for a  
42 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of one year; for a violation of  
43 subsection (c) of section 14-224, for a period of six months and, for a  
44 subsequent violation thereof, for a period of one year; for a first violation  
45 of section 14-296aa, for a period of thirty days and, for a second violation  
46 thereof, for a period of ninety days and, for a third or subsequent  
47 violation thereof, for a period of six months.

48 (3) The commissioner shall suspend the motor vehicle operator's  
 49 license of any youth adjudged a youthful offender for a violation of  
 50 section 14-215 or 14-222, subsection (b) of section 14-223 or subdivision  
 51 (2) or (3) of subsection (b) or subsection (c) of section 14-224 for six  
 52 months for a first offense and one year for a second or subsequent  
 53 offense.

54 (4) Whenever any person who has not been issued a motor vehicle  
 55 operator's license under section 14-36 is convicted of a second or  
 56 subsequent violation of subsection (a) of section 14-36: (A) The  
 57 commissioner shall suspend such person's privilege to operate a motor  
 58 vehicle, (B) such suspension shall remain in effect for a period of ninety  
 59 days, and (C) the commissioner shall not issue an operator's license to  
 60 such person under section 14-36 until such period of suspension has  
 61 expired and all applicable requirements for such license have been  
 62 satisfied by such person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	14-111(b)

**JUD** Joint Favorable Subst.

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*The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill, which does not have a fiscal impact, requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to suspend the driver's license of any person who commits a third or subsequent violation for failing to stop for a school bus. It is expected that the agency can incorporate this change into current operations.

**The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUSPENSION OF AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR REPEATEDLY FAILING TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS.***

**SUMMARY**

This bill requires the motor vehicles commissioner, without a hearing, to issue a six-month suspension of the driver's license or operating privilege of someone who, for the third or subsequent time, violates the law on failing to stop for a school bus. Specifically, this applies if the person is convicted, forfeited a bond taken, or received a suspended judgment or sentence for the violation.

By law, drivers generally must (1) stop their vehicles at least 10 feet from the front or rear of a school bus that is displaying its flashing red signal lights and (2) remain there until the bus no longer displays the lights. Any person who violates this law faces (1) a \$450 fine for the first offense and (2) a fine of \$500 to \$1,000, up to 30 days in prison, or both for a subsequent offense (CGS § 14-279).

A separate law authorizes municipalities to adopt ordinances for using camera systems to enforce this law and set fines for violations, separate from the penalties in state law (CGS § 14-279c). The bill does not apply to violations of these municipal ordinances.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 41 Nay 0 (03/30/2026)