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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sSB 508

#### ***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)