

HB 906 -- Cell Phone Use by School Bus Drivers

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This bill prohibits any person operating a school bus upon a highway or other public roadway in the state who is transporting children at the time from using a hand-held electronic wireless communications device to send, read, or write a text or electronic message or make or take part in a telephone call. These provisions do not apply if the device is being used to report illegal activity, summon medical or emergency help, prevent injury to a person or property, or relay information between a school bus operator and the dispatcher and the device is permanently affixed to the bus; if the bus is lawfully parked or stopped; or if the device is permanently embedded into the design of the bus.

Anyone violating the provisions of the bill will be guilty of an infraction which will be deemed a moving violation for the purpose of assessing points against a person's driver's license. Any city or county has the authority to adopt ordinances or regulations that are equivalent to, but not more restrictive than, these provisions.