

CHAPTER 203.

[S. B. 401.]

SCHOOL BUSES—STOP SIGNALS AND LAMPS.

AN ACT relating to school buses; and amending section 46.48.130, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 2), and RCW 46.48.130.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

RCW 46.48.130 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 46.48.130, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 2), and RCW 46.48.130 are each amended to read as follows:

Stop signals and flasher signal lamps required on school buses — Display of.

All school buses shall be equipped with a “stop” signal upon a background not less than fourteen by eighteen inches displaying the word “stop” in letters of distinctly contrasting colors not less than eight inches high. All school buses which are put into service after June 6, 1945 shall also be equipped with red lamps of a type approved by the state commission on equipment, which shall display a flashing signal. Such sign and lamps shall be displayed as directed by the chief of the Washington state patrol and shall display both to the front and rear of such school bus, manually controlled by the operator of the school bus. The stop sign and flashing lamps shall be displayed at all times while such school bus is receiving or discharging school passengers, except:

(1) When school passengers do not have to cross a highway and the bus is stopped completely off the roadway; or

(2) When the bus is stopped at an intersection or place where traffic is controlled by a traffic officer or official traffic control signal; or

(3) When the bus is stopped at school for the purpose of receiving or discharging school passengers and school passengers are not required to cross the roadway.

Passed the Senate February 28, 1961.

Passed the House March 8, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1961.