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Ms. Allison Pike
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Dear Ms. Pike:

Thank you for your letter regarding the ASCA's resolution with respect to traffic violations around school buses.

The Government of Alberta recognizes the importance of enacting, implementing, and enforcing laws that keep all Albertans safe on the road, including children. Failure to stop for a school bus with red flashing lights is prohibited under Section 72 of Alberta's Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulation. The penalty for this offence is \$543 and six demerits. In addition, the penalty for passing a school bus before the driver has turned off the flashing red lights or otherwise signaled to proceed is \$465 and three demerits. The regulation is enforced by enforcement agencies in the province.

Alberta Transportation regularly monitors changes in transportation safety laws introduced in other Canadian jurisdictions, and is aware of the importance of ensuring safety on our roads and highways.

Alberta Justice and Solicitor General has provided the following information in regard to the ASCA's resolution. If communities, schools, or members of the public have concerns about school bus safety issues, they may want to consider contacting their local police service and municipal council to discuss their concerns and options available to address these matters, including local education campaigns. Bus drivers are also encouraged to report safety issues to the police to assist them in identifying offenders.

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I appreciate the ACSA's continuing interest in road safety, and I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,



Ric McIver
Minister

cc: Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Alberta Education
Honourable Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General