

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 210

SENATE BILL NO. 1434

By Roberts, Bowling

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1321

By Helton-Haynes, Towns, Cepicky, Littleton, Davis, Ragan, Howell, White, Camper, Todd,
Thompson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49 and Title 55, relative to the use of global positioning systems while operating school buses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-192(c), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (1); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (2) and substituting instead "; or"; and by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) The use of a portable electronic device for navigation of the school bus and for accurately accounting for students at bus pick-up and drop-off locations through use of the device's global positioning system if:

(A) Neither of the driver's hands are used to hold the device or to enter data into the device while the school bus is in motion;

(B) The device is mounted on the school bus's windshield, dashboard, or center console area in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road; and

(C) The driver views only data related to the navigation of the school bus and student information related to bus pick-up and drop-off locations.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 3, 2023




RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24th day of April 2023



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR