

(b) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a person may not operate any alternately flashing ~~warning signal~~ LIGHT on any school vehicle except when the school vehicle is stopping or stopped on a roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers.

(c) As to any school vehicle, whenever the vehicle is not being operated on a highway for the transportation of children, students, or teachers for educational purposes or in connection with a school activity:

(1) The alternately flashing ~~warning~~ lights shall be deactivated; and

(2) The words "school bus" at the front and rear of the vehicle shall be covered or otherwise concealed.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every school vehicle driver shall put in operation alternately flashing ~~warning signals~~ AMBER LIGHTS not less than 100 feet before bringing the vehicle to a full stop for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, AND PLACE INTO OPERATION THE ALTERNATELY FLASHING RED LIGHTS UPON STOPPING.

(e) (1) This subsection applies only to a school vehicle being driven on the same roadway as another school vehicle in the act of loading or unloading passengers.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every school vehicle driver shall put in operation THE alternately flashing ~~warning signals~~ LIGHTS when ~~stopping, after~~ approaching from the rear or the front, within 100 feet of another school vehicle in the act of loading or unloading passengers ON THE ROADWAY.

(f) (1) In this subsection, "loading zone" means an area ~~on or adjacent to:~~

(i) THAT IS:

1. ON a highway, but not on ~~its~~ THE roadway, FOR USE IN RECEIVING OR DISCHARGING PASSENGERS RESIDING ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY AS THE LOADING ZONE; OR

2. NOT ON A HIGHWAY; AND

(i) ~~That has been designated for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers by a school vehicle; and~~

(ii) Whose location has been DESIGNATED AND approved by either the superintendent of schools in the local school system in which the loading ZONE is located, the Department of State Police, or the local police department, in cooperation with the State Highway Administration ~~where~~ OR LOCAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AGENCY, AS applicable.

(2) It is the policy of this State to encourage the establishment and use of loading zones for school vehicles.

(3) Where a loading zone is available, a school vehicle driver, unless otherwise required for safety, may not stop on the roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers, but shall use the loading zone for this purpose.