

**Section 32-5A-154**

**Overtaking and passing school bus or church bus.**

(a) The driver of a vehicle upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus which has stopped on the highway for the purpose of receiving or discharging any school children or any church bus which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers shall stop the vehicle before reaching such school or church bus when there is in operation on said school or church bus a visual signal as specified in Section 32-5A-155 and said driver shall not proceed until such school or church bus resumes motion or is signaled by the school or church bus driver to proceed or the visual signals are no longer actuated.

(b) Every bus used for the transportation of school children shall bear upon the front and rear thereof plainly visible signs containing the words "school bus" in letters not less than eight inches in height, and in addition shall be equipped with visual signs meeting the requirements of Section 32-5A-155, which shall be actuated by the driver of said school bus whenever but only whenever such vehicle is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children.

(c) Every bus used for the transportation of persons to or from church shall bear upon the front and rear thereof plainly visible signs containing the words "church bus" in letters not less than eight inches in height, and in addition may be equipped with visual signs meeting the requirements of Section 32-5A-155, which shall be actuated by the driver of said church bus whenever but only whenever such vehicle is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers.

(d) The driver of a vehicle upon a controlled-access highway with separate roadways need not stop upon meeting or passing a school or church bus which is on a different roadway or when upon a controlled-access highway and the school or church bus is stopped in a loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to such highway and where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

*(Acts 1980, No. 80-434, p. 604, &sect;7-106.)*