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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER TO ADOPT LAWS CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN EMBARKING AND DISEMBARKING SCHOOL BUSES

WHEREAS, School buses should be respected by all parties using the road and yet their stop signs continue to be disregarded as little enforcement is currently available; *and*

WHEREAS, Across the Commonwealth, school districts have launched school bus camera pilots such as nearby Peabody that recorded over 850 vehicles illegally passing school buses within the first 5 weeks of the school year.

WHEREAS, School bus stop enforcement should be regarded as a community concern not just to those utilizing the school bus. Drivers must be held accountable for unsafe behavior that could result in the fatality of school children

WHEREAS, The City of Boston should do all it can to ensure the safety of its children, parents, and commuters by locally adopting state law M.G.L c. 40 Section 71 and M.G.L. c. 90 Section 14; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the City of Boston accept General Laws Chapter 40, Section 71 (which authorizes a city or town to install and operate a school bus violation detection monitoring system on a school bus to enforce violations pursuant to sections 14 and 14C of chapter 90) and Chapter 90, Section 14C (which authorizes a city or town that accepts section 71 of chapter 40 to install and operate a school bus violation detection monitoring system on a school bus to enforce violations by an operator of a motor vehicle who overtakes or fails to stop their vehicle for a school bus when required to do so pursuant to section 14) to be effective for enforcement on the date of acceptance.

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