Senate Bill 25
By: Senator Heath of the 31st

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, so as to clarify when the driver of a vehicle need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus; to provide for related matters; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duty of driver of vehicle meeting or overtaking school bus, reporting of violations, and civil monetary penalty for violations captured by school bus camera, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

“(b) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with separate roadways or a divided highway, including, but not limited to, a highway divided by a turn lane, that are separated by a grass median, unpaved area, or physical barrier need not stop upon meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway or on another half of a divided highway, or upon a controlled access highway when the school 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.”

SECTION 2.

Any violation of subsection (b) of Code Section 40-6-163 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated shall be adjudicated and punished based upon such subsection as it existed at the time the violation was committed.
SECTION 3.
This Act shall become effective upon approval of this Act by the Governor or upon its
becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.
All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.