

## SENATE BILL No. 210

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT regulating traffic; requiring the use of strobe lights on school  
10 buses; amending K.S.A. 8-1730 and repealing the existing section.

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12 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1730 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-  
14 1730. (a) Every school bus, in addition to any other equipment and dis-  
15 tinctive markings required by this act:

16 (1) Shall be equipped with signal lamps mounted as high and as  
17 widely spaced laterally as practicable, which shall display to the front two  
18 alternately flashing red lights located at the same level and to the rear  
19 two alternately flashing red lights located at the same level, and these  
20 lights shall be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight;

21 (2) *every new school bus put into initial service after January 1, 2006,*  
22 *shall be equipped with a white flashing strobe light mounted on the roof*  
23 *of such bus to afford optimum visibility; and*

24 (3) *prior to January, 1, 2008, all other school buses shall be retrofitted*  
25 *with a white flashing strobe light mounted on the roof of such bus.*

26 (b) Any school bus, in addition to the lights required by subsection  
27 (a), may be equipped with:

28 (1) Yellow signal lamps mounted near each of the four red lamps and  
29 at the same level but closer to the vertical centerline of the bus, which  
30 shall display two alternately flashing yellow lights to the front and two  
31 alternately flashing yellow lights to the rear, and these lights shall be  
32 visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight. These lights shall be displayed by  
33 the school bus driver at least 200 feet, but not more than 1,000 feet,  
34 before every stop at which the alternately flashing red lights required by  
35 subsection (a) will be actuated; or

36 (2) head lamps which alternately flash on low beam or simultaneously  
37 flash on low beam, except such head lamps shall only be activated during  
38 daylight hours.

39 (c) The state board of education is authorized to adopt rules and  
40 regulations promulgating standards and specifications applicable to light-  
41 ing equipment on and special warning devices to be carried by school  
42 buses consistent with the provisions of this act. Such standards and spec-  
43 ifications shall correlate with and so far as consistent with the provisions

1 of this act conform to the specifications then current as approved by the  
2 society of automotive engineers.  
3 (d) The provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions  
4 contained in K.S.A. 8-2009a, and amendments thereto.  
5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1730 is hereby repealed.  
6 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
7 publication in the statute book.