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By Representatives Benson and Ahern

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1 AN ACT Relating to enforcement of school bus stop sign violations;
2 and amending RCW 46.61.372.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.372 and 1992 c 39 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The driver of a school bus who observes a violation of RCW
7 46.61.370 (~~may~~) shall prepare a written report on a form provided by
8 the state patrol or another law enforcement agency indicating that a
9 violation has occurred. The driver of the school bus or a school
10 official (~~may~~) shall deliver the report to a law enforcement officer
11 of the state, county, or municipality in which the violation occurred
12 but not more than seventy-two hours after the violation occurred. The
13 driver shall include in the report the time and location at which the
14 violation occurred, the vehicle license plate number, and a description
15 of the vehicle involved in the violation.

16 (2) The law enforcement officer shall (~~initiate an investigation~~
17 ~~of the reported violation~~) within ten working days after receiving the
18 report described in subsection (1) of this section (~~by contacting the~~
19 ~~owner of the motor vehicle involved in the reported violation and~~

1 ~~requesting the owner to supply information identifying the driver.~~
2 ~~Failure to investigate within the ten working day period does not~~
3 ~~prohibit further investigation or prosecution. If, after an~~
4 ~~investigation, the law enforcement officer is able to identify the~~
5 ~~driver and has reasonable cause to believe a violation of RCW 46.61.370~~
6 ~~has occurred, the law enforcement officer shall prepare a notice of~~
7 ~~traffic infraction and have it served upon the driver of the vehicle))~~
8 mail a written notice of traffic infraction to the registered owner of
9 the vehicle involved in the violation. It is a complete defense to
10 this infraction that the registered owner of the vehicle has filed a
11 police report that the vehicle has been stolen or that the vehicle has
12 been sold and is no longer in his or her possession.

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