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1 AN ACT Relating to protecting the safety and security of students
2 and maintaining order within public school buses by designating
3 trespassing on a public school bus as a felony offense; reenacting
4 and amending RCW 9.94A.515; adding a new section to chapter 9A.52
5 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the
8 Richard Lenhart act.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9A.52
10 RCW to read as follows:

11 (1) A person is guilty of school bus trespass if he or she
12 knowingly enters or remains unlawfully in a public school bus or does
13 any other intentional act that disrupts the normal operation of the
14 public school bus.

15 (2) As used in this section, "public school bus" means any
16 vehicle owned, leased, or operated by a public school district or
17 educational institution for the purpose of transporting students to
18 and from school or school-related activities.

19 (3) School bus trespass is a class C felony.

1 (4) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to any of the
2 following:

3 (a) Law enforcement officers or other authorized personnel
4 engaged in the performance of their official duties;

5 (b) Individuals with written consent from the school district or
6 educational institution allowing them to enter or remain on the
7 public school bus; and

8 (c) Emergency situations where entering the bus is necessary to
9 protect the safety or well-being of students or others.

10 (5) Local law enforcement agencies shall have the authority to
11 enforce the provisions of this act. School districts and educational
12 institutions shall collaborate with local law enforcement to
13 establish protocols and procedures to ensure effective enforcement of
14 this act.

15 (6) School districts and educational institutions shall implement
16 educational programs and awareness campaigns to educate students,
17 parents, and the community about the importance of maintaining safety
18 and security on public school buses. These educational programs shall
19 emphasize the potential consequences of school bus trespassing in
20 accordance with this act.

21 (7) Subject to the availability of funds appropriated for this
22 specific purpose, school districts and educational institutions shall
23 affix placards warning of the consequences of violating subsection
24 (1) of this section on the outside of all public school buses in a
25 manner easily visible for all to see.

26 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.94A.515 and 2023 c 196 s 3 and 2023 c 7 s 3 are
27 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

28 TABLE 2

29 CRIMES INCLUDED WITHIN EACH
30 SERIOUSNESS LEVEL

31 XVI Aggravated Murder 1 (RCW 10.95.020)

32 XV Homicide by abuse (RCW 9A.32.055)

33 Malicious explosion 1 (RCW
34 70.74.280(1))

35 Murder 1 (RCW 9A.32.030)

36 XIV Murder 2 (RCW 9A.32.050)

37 Trafficking 1 (RCW 9A.40.100(1))

1 XIII Malicious explosion 2 (RCW
2 70.74.280(2))
3 Malicious placement of an explosive 1
4 (RCW 70.74.270(1))
5 XII Assault 1 (RCW 9A.36.011)
6 Assault of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.36.120)
7 Malicious placement of an imitation
8 device 1 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(a))
9 Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse of
10 a Minor (RCW 9.68A.101)
11 Rape 1 (RCW 9A.44.040)
12 Rape of a Child 1 (RCW 9A.44.073)
13 Trafficking 2 (RCW 9A.40.100(3))
14 XI Manslaughter 1 (RCW 9A.32.060)
15 Rape 2 (RCW 9A.44.050)
16 Rape of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.44.076)
17 Vehicular Homicide, by being under the
18 influence of intoxicating liquor or
19 any drug (RCW 46.61.520)
20 Vehicular Homicide, by the operation of
21 any vehicle in a reckless manner
22 (RCW 46.61.520)
23 X Child Molestation 1 (RCW 9A.44.083)
24 Criminal Mistreatment 1 (RCW
25 9A.42.020)
26 Indecent Liberties (with forcible
27 compulsion) (RCW
28 9A.44.100(1)(a))
29 Kidnapping 1 (RCW 9A.40.020)
30 Leading Organized Crime (RCW
31 9A.82.060(1)(a))
32 Malicious explosion 3 (RCW
33 70.74.280(3))
34 Sexually Violent Predator Escape (RCW
35 9A.76.115)

1 IX Abandonment of Dependent Person 1
2 (RCW 9A.42.060)
3 Assault of a Child 2 (RCW 9A.36.130)
4 Explosive devices prohibited (RCW
5 70.74.180)
6 Hit and Run—Death (RCW
7 46.52.020(4)(a))
8 Homicide by Watercraft, by being under
9 the influence of intoxicating liquor
10 or any drug (RCW 79A.60.050)
11 Inciting Criminal Profiteering (RCW
12 9A.82.060(1)(b))
13 Malicious placement of an explosive 2
14 (RCW 70.74.270(2))
15 Robbery 1 (RCW 9A.56.200)
16 Sexual Exploitation (RCW 9.68A.040)
17 VIII Arson 1 (RCW 9A.48.020)
18 Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor
19 (RCW 9.68A.100)
20 Homicide by Watercraft, by the
21 operation of any vessel in a reckless
22 manner (RCW 79A.60.050)
23 Manslaughter 2 (RCW 9A.32.070)
24 Promoting Prostitution 1 (RCW
25 9A.88.070)
26 Theft of Ammonia (RCW 69.55.010)
27 VII Air bag diagnostic systems (causing
28 bodily injury or death) (RCW
29 46.37.660(2)(b))
30 Air bag replacement requirements
31 (causing bodily injury or death)
32 (RCW 46.37.660(1)(b))
33 Burglary 1 (RCW 9A.52.020)
34 Child Molestation 2 (RCW 9A.44.086)

1 Civil Disorder Training (RCW
2 9A.48.120)
3 Custodial Sexual Misconduct 1 (RCW
4 9A.44.160)
5 Dealing in depictions of minor engaged
6 in sexually explicit conduct 1
7 (RCW 9.68A.050(1))
8 Drive-by Shooting (RCW 9A.36.045)
9 False Reporting 1 (RCW
10 9A.84.040(2)(a))
11 Homicide by Watercraft, by disregard
12 for the safety of others (RCW
13 79A.60.050)
14 Indecent Liberties (without forcible
15 compulsion) (RCW 9A.44.100(1)
16 (b) and (c))
17 Introducing Contraband 1 (RCW
18 9A.76.140)
19 Malicious placement of an explosive 3
20 (RCW 70.74.270(3))
21 Manufacture or import counterfeit,
22 nonfunctional, damaged, or
23 previously deployed air bag
24 (causing bodily injury or death)
25 (RCW 46.37.650(1)(b))
26 Negligently Causing Death By Use of a
27 Signal Preemption Device (RCW
28 46.37.675)
29 Sell, install, or reinstall counterfeit,
30 nonfunctional, damaged, or
31 previously deployed airbag (RCW
32 46.37.650(2)(b))
33 Sending, bringing into state depictions
34 of minor engaged in sexually
35 explicit conduct 1 (RCW
36 9.68A.060(1))

1 Unlawful Possession of a Firearm in the
2 first degree (RCW 9A.1.040(1))
3 Use of a Machine Gun or Bump-fire
4 Stock in Commission of a Felony
5 (RCW 9A.1.225)
6 Vehicular Homicide, by disregard for
7 the safety of others (RCW
8 46.61.520)
9 VI Bail Jumping with Murder 1 (RCW
10 9A.76.170(3)(a))
11 Bribery (RCW 9A.68.010)
12 Incest 1 (RCW 9A.64.020(1))
13 Intimidating a Judge (RCW 9A.72.160)
14 Intimidating a Juror/Witness (RCW
15 9A.72.110, 9A.72.130)
16 Malicious placement of an imitation
17 device 2 (RCW 70.74.272(1)(b))
18 Possession of Depictions of a Minor
19 Engaged in Sexually Explicit
20 Conduct 1 (RCW 9.68A.070(1))
21 Rape of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.44.079)
22 Theft of a Firearm (RCW 9A.56.300)
23 Theft from a Vulnerable Adult 1 (RCW
24 9A.56.400(1))
25 Unlawful Storage of Ammonia (RCW
26 69.55.020)
27 V Abandonment of Dependent Person 2
28 (RCW 9A.42.070)
29 Advancing money or property for
30 extortionate extension of credit
31 (RCW 9A.82.030)
32 Air bag diagnostic systems (RCW
33 46.37.660(2)(c))
34 Air bag replacement requirements
35 (RCW 46.37.660(1)(c))

1 Bail Jumping with class A Felony
2 (RCW 9A.76.170(3)(b))
3 Child Molestation 3 (RCW 9A.44.089)
4 Criminal Mistreatment 2 (RCW
5 9A.42.030)
6 Custodial Sexual Misconduct 2 (RCW
7 9A.44.170)
8 Dealing in Depictions of Minor
9 Engaged in Sexually Explicit
10 Conduct 2 (RCW 9.68A.050(2))
11 Domestic Violence Court Order
12 Violation (RCW 7.105.450,
13 10.99.040, 10.99.050, 26.09.300,
14 26.26B.050, or 26.52.070)
15 Extortion 1 (RCW 9A.56.120)
16 Extortionate Extension of Credit (RCW
17 9A.82.020)
18 Extortionate Means to Collect
19 Extensions of Credit (RCW
20 9A.82.040)
21 Incest 2 (RCW 9A.64.020(2))
22 Kidnapping 2 (RCW 9A.40.030)
23 Manufacture or import counterfeit,
24 nonfunctional, damaged, or
25 previously deployed air bag (RCW
26 46.37.650(1)(c))
27 Perjury 1 (RCW 9A.72.020)
28 Persistent prison misbehavior (RCW
29 9.94.070)
30 Possession of a Stolen Firearm (RCW
31 9A.56.310)
32 Rape 3 (RCW 9A.44.060)
33 Rendering Criminal Assistance 1 (RCW
34 9A.76.070)

1 Sell, install, or reinstall counterfeit,
2 nonfunctional, damaged, or
3 previously deployed airbag (RCW
4 46.37.650(2)(c))
5 Sending, Bringing into State Depictions
6 of Minor Engaged in Sexually
7 Explicit Conduct 2 (RCW
8 9.68A.060(2))
9 Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 1
10 (RCW 9A.44.093)
11 Sexually Violating Human Remains
12 (RCW 9A.44.105)
13 Stalking (RCW 9A.46.110)
14 Taking Motor Vehicle Without
15 Permission 1 (RCW 9A.56.070)
16 IV Arson 2 (RCW 9A.48.030)
17 Assault 2 (RCW 9A.36.021)
18 Assault 3 (of a Peace Officer with a
19 Projectile Stun Gun) (RCW
20 9A.36.031(1)(h))
21 Assault 4 (third domestic violence
22 offense) (RCW 9A.36.041(3))
23 Assault by Watercraft (RCW
24 79A.60.060)
25 Bribing a Witness/Bribe Received by
26 Witness (RCW 9A.72.090,
27 9A.72.100)
28 Cheating 1 (RCW 9.46.1961)
29 Commercial Bribery (RCW 9A.68.060)
30 Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(4))
31 Driving While Under the Influence
32 (RCW 46.61.502(6))
33 Endangerment with a Controlled
34 Substance (RCW 9A.42.100)
35 Escape 1 (RCW 9A.76.110)

1 Hate Crime (RCW 9A.36.080)
2 Hit and Run—Injury (RCW
3 46.52.020(4)(b))
4 Hit and Run with Vessel—Injury
5 Accident (RCW 79A.60.200(3))
6 Identity Theft 1 (RCW 9.35.020(2))
7 Indecent Exposure to Person Under Age
8 14 (subsequent sex offense) (RCW
9 9A.88.010)
10 Influencing Outcome of Sporting Event
11 (RCW 9A.82.070)
12 Physical Control of a Vehicle While
13 Under the Influence (RCW
14 46.61.504(6))
15 Possession of Depictions of a Minor
16 Engaged in Sexually Explicit
17 Conduct 2 (RCW 9.68A.070(2))
18 Residential Burglary (RCW 9A.52.025)
19 Robbery 2 (RCW 9A.56.210)
20 Theft of Livestock 1 (RCW 9A.56.080)
21 Threats to Bomb (RCW 9.61.160)
22 Trafficking in Stolen Property 1 (RCW
23 9A.82.050)
24 Unlawful factoring of a credit card or
25 payment card transaction (RCW
26 9A.56.290(4)(b))
27 Unlawful transaction of health coverage
28 as a health care service contractor
29 (RCW 48.44.016(3))
30 Unlawful transaction of health coverage
31 as a health maintenance
32 organization (RCW 48.46.033(3))
33 Unlawful transaction of insurance
34 business (RCW 48.15.023(3))
35 Unlicensed practice as an insurance
36 professional (RCW 48.17.063(2))

1 Use of Proceeds of Criminal
2 Profiteering (RCW 9A.82.080 (1)
3 and (2))
4 Vehicle Prowling 2 (third or subsequent
5 offense) (RCW 9A.52.100(3))
6 Vehicular Assault, by being under the
7 influence of intoxicating liquor or
8 any drug, or by the operation or
9 driving of a vehicle in a reckless
10 manner (RCW 46.61.522)
11 Viewing of Depictions of a Minor
12 Engaged in Sexually Explicit
13 Conduct 1 (RCW 9.68A.075(1))
14 III Animal Cruelty 1 (Sexual Conduct or
15 Contact) (RCW 16.52.205(3))
16 Assault 3 (Except Assault 3 of a Peace
17 Officer With a Projectile Stun Gun)
18 (RCW 9A.36.031 except subsection
19 (1)(h))
20 Assault of a Child 3 (RCW 9A.36.140)
21 Bail Jumping with class B or C Felony
22 (RCW 9A.76.170(3)(c))
23 Burglary 2 (RCW 9A.52.030)
24 Communication with a Minor for
25 Immoral Purposes (RCW
26 9.68A.090)
27 Criminal Gang Intimidation (RCW
28 9A.46.120)
29 Custodial Assault (RCW 9A.36.100)
30 Cyber Harassment (RCW
31 9A.90.120(2)(b))
32 Escape 2 (RCW 9A.76.120)
33 Extortion 2 (RCW 9A.56.130)
34 False Reporting 2 (RCW
35 9A.84.040(2)(b))
36 Harassment (RCW 9A.46.020)

1 Hazing (RCW 28B.10.901(2)(b))
2 Intimidating a Public Servant (RCW
3 9A.76.180)
4 Introducing Contraband 2 (RCW
5 9A.76.150)
6 Malicious Injury to Railroad Property
7 (RCW 81.60.070)
8 Manufacture of Untraceable Firearm
9 with Intent to Sell (RCW 9.41.190)
10 Manufacture or Assembly of an
11 Undetectable Firearm or
12 Untraceable Firearm (RCW
13 9.41.325)
14 Mortgage Fraud (RCW 19.144.080)
15 Negligently Causing Substantial Bodily
16 Harm By Use of a Signal
17 Preemption Device (RCW
18 46.37.674)
19 Organized Retail Theft 1 (RCW
20 9A.56.350(2))
21 Perjury 2 (RCW 9A.72.030)
22 Possession of Incendiary Device (RCW
23 9.40.120)
24 Possession of Machine Gun, Bump-Fire
25 Stock, Undetectable Firearm, or
26 Short-Barreled Shotgun or Rifle
27 (RCW 9.41.190)
28 Promoting Prostitution 2 (RCW
29 9A.88.080)
30 Retail Theft with Special Circumstances
31 1 (RCW 9A.56.360(2))
32 School Bus Trespass (section 2 of this
33 act)
34 Securities Act violation (RCW
35 21.20.400)

1 Tampering with a Witness (RCW
2 9A.72.120)
3 Telephone Harassment (subsequent
4 conviction or threat of death) (RCW
5 9.61.230(2))
6 Theft of Livestock 2 (RCW 9A.56.083)
7 Theft with the Intent to Resell 1 (RCW
8 9A.56.340(2))
9 Trafficking in Stolen Property 2 (RCW
10 9A.82.055)
11 Unlawful Hunting of Big Game 1 (RCW
12 77.15.410(3)(b))
13 Unlawful Imprisonment (RCW
14 9A.40.040)
15 Unlawful Misbranding of Fish or
16 Shellfish 1 (RCW 77.140.060(3))
17 Unlawful possession of firearm in the
18 second degree (RCW 9.41.040(2))
19 Unlawful Taking of Endangered Fish or
20 Wildlife 1 (RCW 77.15.120(3)(b))
21 Unlawful Trafficking in Fish, Shellfish,
22 or Wildlife 1 (RCW
23 77.15.260(3)(b))
24 Unlawful Use of a Nondesignated
25 Vessel (RCW 77.15.530(4))
26 Vehicular Assault, by the operation or
27 driving of a vehicle with disregard
28 for the safety of others (RCW
29 46.61.522)
30 II Commercial Fishing Without a License
31 1 (RCW 77.15.500(3)(b))
32 Computer Trespass 1 (RCW 9A.90.040)
33 Counterfeiting (RCW 9.16.035(3))
34 Electronic Data Service Interference
35 (RCW 9A.90.060)

1 Electronic Data Tampering 1 (RCW
2 9A.90.080)
3 Electronic Data Theft (RCW 9A.90.100)
4 Engaging in Fish Dealing Activity
5 Unlicensed 1 (RCW 77.15.620(3))
6 Escape from Community Custody
7 (RCW 72.09.310)
8 Failure to Register as a Sex Offender
9 (second or subsequent offense)
10 (RCW 9A.44.130 prior to June 10,
11 2010, and RCW 9A.44.132)
12 Health Care False Claims (RCW
13 48.80.030)
14 Identity Theft 2 (RCW 9.35.020(3))
15 Improperly Obtaining Financial
16 Information (RCW 9.35.010)
17 Malicious Mischief 1 (RCW 9A.48.070)
18 Organized Retail Theft 2 (RCW
19 9A.56.350(3))
20 Possession of Stolen Property 1 (RCW
21 9A.56.150)
22 Possession of a Stolen Vehicle (RCW
23 9A.56.068)
24 Retail Theft with Special Circumstances
25 2 (RCW 9A.56.360(3))
26 Scrap Processing, Recycling, or
27 Supplying Without a License
28 (second or subsequent offense)
29 (RCW 19.290.100)
30 Theft 1 (RCW 9A.56.030)
31 Theft of a Motor Vehicle (RCW
32 9A.56.065)
33 Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease-
34 purchased, or Loaned Property
35 (valued at \$5,000 or more) (RCW
36 9A.56.096(5)(a))

1 Theft with the Intent to Resell 2 (RCW
2 9A.56.340(3))
3 Trafficking in Insurance Claims (RCW
4 48.30A.015)
5 Unlawful factoring of a credit card or
6 payment card transaction (RCW
7 9A.56.290(4)(a))
8 Unlawful Participation of Non-Indians
9 in Indian Fishery (RCW
10 77.15.570(2))
11 Unlawful Practice of Law (RCW
12 2.48.180)
13 Unlawful Purchase or Use of a License
14 (RCW 77.15.650(3)(b))
15 Unlawful Trafficking in Fish, Shellfish,
16 or Wildlife 2 (RCW
17 77.15.260(3)(a))
18 Unlicensed Practice of a Profession or
19 Business (RCW 18.130.190(7))
20 Voyeurism 1 (RCW 9A.44.115)
21 I Attempting to Elude a Pursuing Police
22 Vehicle (RCW 46.61.024)
23 False Verification for Welfare (RCW
24 74.08.055)
25 Forgery (RCW 9A.60.020)
26 Fraudulent Creation or Revocation of a
27 Mental Health Advance Directive
28 (RCW 9A.60.060)
29 Malicious Mischief 2 (RCW 9A.48.080)
30 Mineral Trespass (RCW 78.44.330)
31 Possession of Stolen Property 2 (RCW
32 9A.56.160)
33 Reckless Burning 1 (RCW 9A.48.040)
34 Spotlighting Big Game 1 (RCW
35 77.15.450(3)(b))

1 Suspension of Department Privileges 1
2 (RCW 77.15.670(3)(b))
3 Taking Motor Vehicle Without
4 Permission 2 (RCW 9A.56.075)
5 Theft 2 (RCW 9A.56.040)
6 Theft from a Vulnerable Adult 2 (RCW
7 9A.56.400(2))
8 Theft of Rental, Leased, Lease-
9 purchased, or Loaned Property
10 (valued at \$750 or more but less
11 than \$5,000) (RCW
12 9A.56.096(5)(b))
13 Transaction of insurance business
14 beyond the scope of licensure
15 (RCW 48.17.063)
16 Unlawful Fish and Shellfish Catch
17 Accounting (RCW 77.15.630(3)(b))
18 Unlawful Issuance of Checks or Drafts
19 (RCW 9A.56.060)
20 Unlawful Possession of Fictitious
21 Identification (RCW 9A.56.320)
22 Unlawful Possession of Instruments of
23 Financial Fraud (RCW 9A.56.320)
24 Unlawful Possession of Payment
25 Instruments (RCW 9A.56.320)
26 Unlawful Possession of a Personal
27 Identification Device (RCW
28 9A.56.320)
29 Unlawful Production of Payment
30 Instruments (RCW 9A.56.320)
31 Unlawful Releasing, Planting,
32 Possessing, or Placing Deleterious
33 Exotic Wildlife (RCW
34 77.15.250(2)(b))
35 Unlawful Trafficking in Food Stamps
36 (RCW 9.91.142)

1 Unlawful Use of Food Stamps (RCW
2 9.91.144)
3 Unlawful Use of Net to Take Fish 1
4 (RCW 77.15.580(3)(b))
5 Vehicle Prowl 1 (RCW 9A.52.095)
6 Violating Commercial Fishing Area or
7 Time 1 (RCW 77.15.550(3)(b))

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** If any provision of this act or its
9 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
10 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
11 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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