



State Stop Arm Laws Survey

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On TWO-LANE roads, motorists in my state must stop when (check any that apply):

Following the bus (going same direction as bus)	37	100%
Opposing the bus (approaching bus from opposite direction)	37	100%



On MULTI-LANE roads (3 + lanes), do motorists in your state FOLLOWING the bus (going same direction as bus) have to stop?

Yes	37	100%
No	0	0%

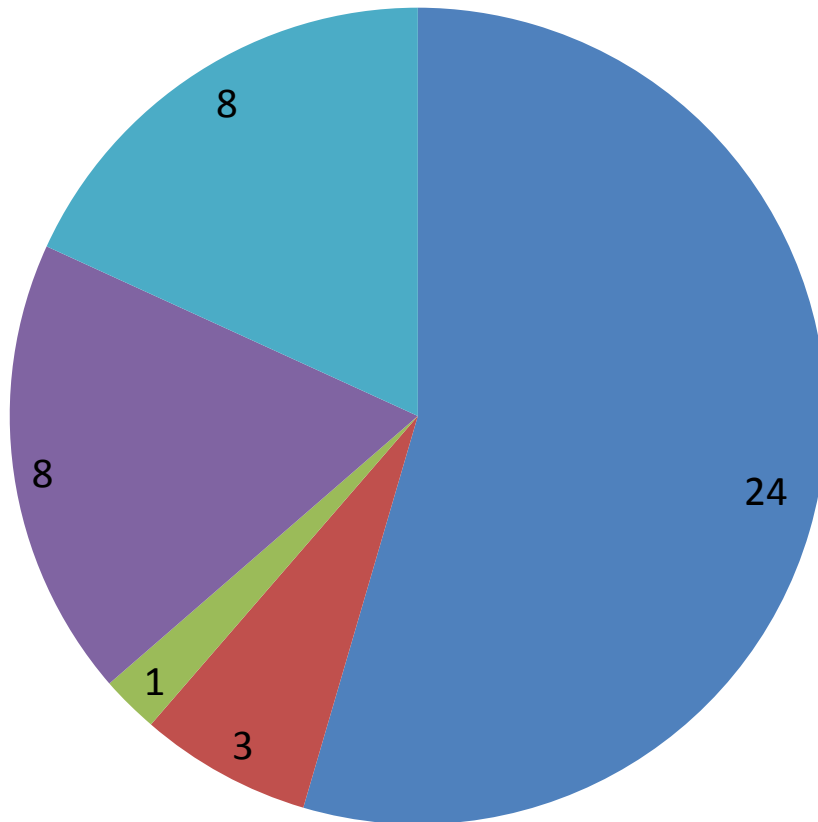


On MULTI-LANE roads (3 or more lanes), motorists **OPPOSING** the bus (going the opposite direction) **MUST STOP** when (check all that apply):

There is a center, two-way turn lane but NO physical barrier (road level-paved all the way across).	24
There is an unpaved median (grass, etc.)	3
There is any type of raised barrier (curb, divider strip, or other feature that motorists are not allowed to drive across).	1
Depends on total number of lanes (please describe in COMMENTS)	8
NONE of the above (i.e., motorists going opposite direction on multi-lane roads of any type are NOT required to stop).	8



Multi-Lane Roads (3+Lanes)



- There is a center, two-way turn lane but NO physical barrier (road level-paved all the way across).
- There is an unpaved median (grass, etc.)
- There is any type of raised barrier (curb, divider strip, or other feature that motorists are not allowed to drive across).
- Depends on total number of lanes (please describe in COMMENTS below)
- NONE of the above (i.e., motorists going opposite direction on multi-lane roads of any type are NOT required to stop).



In order for there to be a criminal penalty, such as driver's license points assessed, a misdemeanor, or a felony, who must witness the violation? Check any that apply:

“ Law Enforcement MUST witness the violation. 26

“ School Bus Driver / Monitor / Aide
may report to law enforcement 23

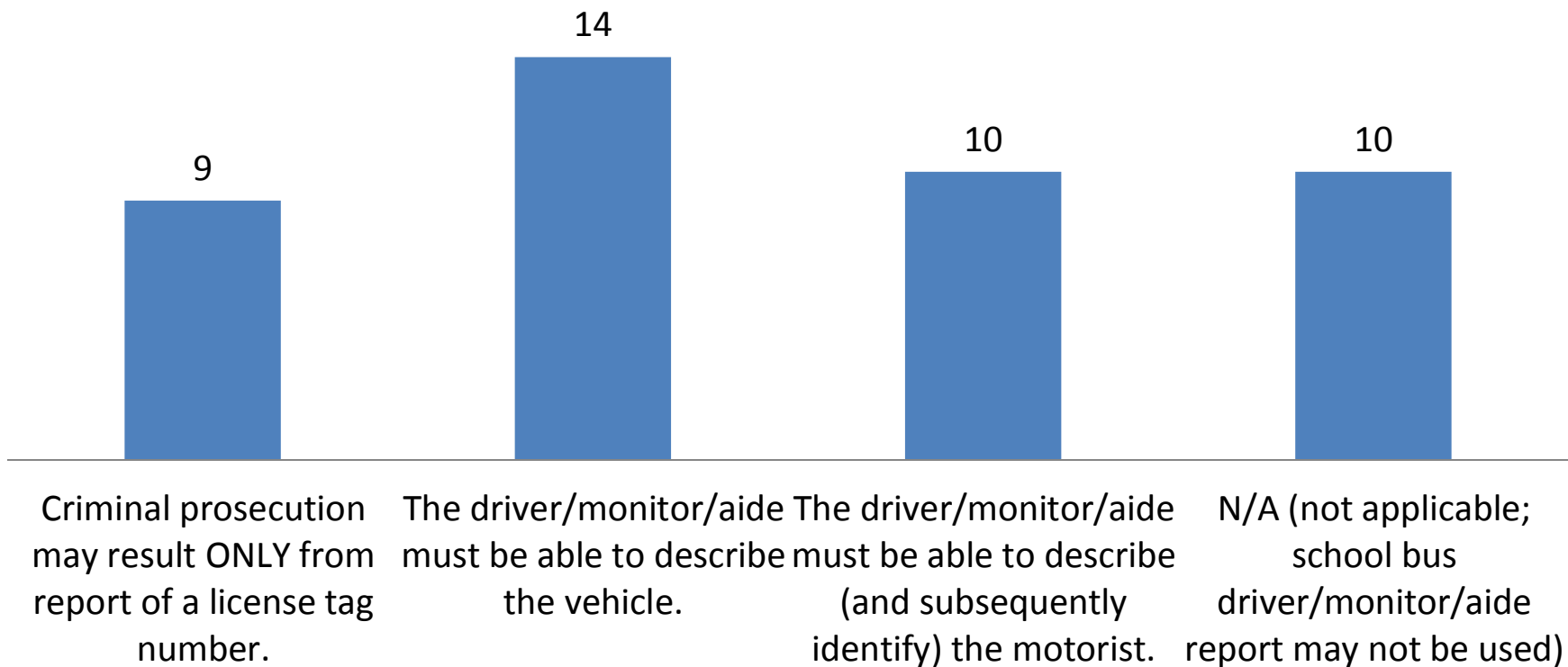
“ Photo/Video Evidence may be used 17

“ Other: 9



If criminal penalties may be imposed based on a report by a school bus driver (or monitor/aide), which of these are true? (check all that apply):

Bus Driver Reports



Upon conviction of passing a stopped school bus, how many driver license points are assessed?

# Points	# States
0	2
1	2
2	3
3	2
4	4
5	2
6 or more	5
Other	16



Based on a report by an individual who has observed the license tag number, can CIVIL penalties (fines) be imposed?

” YES – 11

” NO - 15



For civil penalties to be imposed based on a report of a license tag from photographic/video evidence, which of these is true?

- “ NOT APPLICABLE: Photographic or video evidence is explicitly prohibited from being used. 2
- “ APPLICABLE: There is no statute allowing photographic or video evidence to be used for issuing civil penalties. 12
- “ Statutes allow photographic/video evidence of license tag to be used to issue civil penalties. 7
- “ Statutes allow photographic/video evidence of license tag to issue civil penalties, but only if the extended stop sign is included in the picture. 2
- “ Other (please specify) 10



Other open-ended questions:

- “ Minimum Penalties
- “ Maximum Penalties
- “ Classification of Penalties
- “ State Law Citations

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