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City, Till of Jericho, Trieber of Rockingham, Waite-Simpson of  
Essex, Webb of Shelburne and Yantachka of Charlotte

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Highways; motor vehicles; school buses; crossing guards

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to add a definition of “school  
crossing guard” to Title 23 and specify the scope of the authority of school  
crossing guards.

1 An act relating to school crossing guards

2 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

3 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 4(83) is added to read:

4 (83) "School crossing guard" means a person 18 years of age or older  
5 designated by a local authority to stop and release traffic in order to assist  
6 students to cross a highway.

7 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1013 is amended to read:

8 § 1013. AUTHORITY OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SCHOOL  
9 CROSSING GUARDS

10 (a) Enforcement officers may make arrests for ~~violation~~ violations of this  
11 title, may direct, control, and regulate traffic, and may make reasonable orders  
12 in enforcement of this title or to prevent or alleviate traffic congestion,  
13 property damage, or personal injury.

14 (b) School crossing guards may stop and release traffic on state and town  
15 highways in order to assist students to cross a highway and to facilitate the  
16 flow of school bus traffic. As required under section 1025 of this title, school  
17 crossing guards shall comply with the uniform, stop paddle, and other  
18 standards of the manual on uniform traffic control devices.

19 (c) No person may knowingly fail or refuse to comply with any lawful  
20 order or direction of any enforcement officer or school crossing guard.

21 Sec. 3. 23 V.S.A. § 2502(a)(3) is amended to read:

