



BILL WATCH FOR MARCH 29, 2019:

Bill Seeks to Punish Motorists Illegally Passing School Buses

House Bill 111 -- **Allowing Cameras on School Buses to Catch Motorists Endangering Children**

Sponsored: State Rep. Kim Williams, D-Newport-Stanton

Co-Sponsored: State Reps. Tim Dukes, R-Laurel; Danny Short, R-Seaford; Bryan Shupe, R-Milford South; and Michael Smith, R-Pike Creek Valley, et. al.

Introduced in the House.

This bipartisan bill would allow school districts and charter schools to utilize external camera systems on school buses to catch motorists illegally passing school buses. Such motorists would face a \$250 fine for a first violation, \$500 for a second offense (within 10 years), and \$750 for subsequent violations (within 10 years). At least 16 states have reportedly implemented similar legislation. School districts would be encouraged to take part in the program, but participation would be discretionary.

STATUS: Pending action in the House Education Committee.

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House Bill 57 (as amended) --
Designating "rescue dogs" as the
official dog of Delaware for a period of
one year.

Sponsored: State Rep. Bryan Shupe, R-
Milford South

Passed unanimously in the House.

House Bill 57 would designate "rescue dogs" as the official dog of Delaware for a period of one year. Rep. Shupe, who was accompanied on the House floor Thursday afternoon by his own rescue dog, Hanna, said the intent of the legislation is to encourage the adoption of dogs from animal shelters.

STATUS: Pending action in a Senate committee.



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Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 25 -- Raising the Smoking/Vaping Age

Sponsored: State Sen. Bryan Townsend, D-Newark-Bear

Released from the House Health & Human Development Committee

The bill seeks to raise the legal age for purchasing tobacco and vaping products in Delaware from 18 to 21-years-old. The bill had been on the House Agenda Thursday, but was pulled when it was discovered it had not yet been vetted by the House Appropriations Committee. Any bill that has a cost of more than \$50,000 to implement is supposed to be considered by the committee. This measure carries an estimated cost of \$1.4 million in FY 2020 and \$2.4 million the following fiscal year.

STATUS: Reassigned and pending action in the House Appropriations Committee.