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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, it is a crime to trespass on a school bus and to overtake a school bus under certain circumstances.

This bill would require the local superintendent of education, or a designee, to report to and pursue appropriate legal action through local law enforcement relating to alleged school bus crimes and violations.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to public K-12 education; to require the local superintendent of education, or a designee, to report to and pursue appropriate legal action through local law enforcement relating to alleged crimes and violations involving school buses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 16-27-9 is added to the Code of Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

§16-27-9

(a) A local superintendent of education, or his or her designee, shall be the main point of contact between local law



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enforcement and the school district for incidents and complaints regarding school bus safety and school bus safety laws including, but not limited to, trespass on a school bus in the first degree pursuant to Section 13A-7-4.2 and overtaking a school bus pursuant to Section 32-5A-154.

(b) The local superintendent of education, or his or her designee, shall do all of the following on behalf of the school district:

(1) Receive and document all incidents and complaints regarding school bus safety and school bus safety laws.

(2) Interview witnesses and gather evidence, including video footage.

(3) Complete all necessary paperwork, including filing police reports and signing warrants.

(4) File charges or otherwise pursue appropriate legal action against any individual who commits a crime or violates a law relating to school bus safety laws.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the bus driver from voluntarily filing charges, or mandating that the bus driver file charges against an individual related to either Section 13A-7-4.2 or Section 32-5A-154.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on July 1, 2025.