RCW 46.61.370  Overtaking or meeting school bus, exceptions—
Duties of bus driver—Penalty—Safety cameras.  (1) The driver of a
vehicle upon overtaking or meeting from either direction any school
bus which has stopped on the roadway for the purpose of receiving or
discharging any school children shall stop the vehicle before reaching
such school bus when there is in operation on said school bus a visual
signal as specified in RCW 46.37.190 and said driver shall not proceed
until such school bus resumes motion or the visual signals are no
longer activated.

(2) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway divided into separate
roadways as provided in RCW 46.61.150 need not stop upon meeting a
school bus which is proceeding in the opposite direction and is
stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children.

(3) The driver of a vehicle upon a highway with three or more
marked traffic lanes need not stop upon meeting a school bus which is
proceeding in the opposite direction and is stopped for the purpose of
receiving or discharging school children.

(4) The driver of a school bus shall actuate the visual signals
required by RCW 46.37.190 only when such bus is stopped on the roadway
for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children.

(5) The driver of a school bus may stop completely off the
roadway for the purpose of receiving or discharging school children
only when the school children do not have to cross the roadway. The
school bus driver shall actuate the hazard warning lamps as defined in
RCW 46.37.215 before loading or unloading school children at such
stops.

(6) Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, a
person found to have committed an infraction of subsection (1) of this
section shall be assessed a monetary penalty equal to twice the total
penalty assessed under RCW 46.63.110. This penalty may not be waived,
reduced, or suspended. Fifty percent of the money so collected shall
be deposited into the school zone safety account in the custody of the
state treasurer and disbursed in accordance with RCW 46.61.440(5).

(7) An infraction of subsection (1) of this section detected
through the use of an automated school bus safety camera under RCW
46.63.180 is not a part of the registered owner's driving record under
RCW 46.52.101 and 46.52.120, and must be processed in the same manner
as parking infractions, including for the purposes of RCW 3.50.100,
35.20.220, 46.16A.120, and 46.20.270(3). However, the amount of the
fine issued for a violation of this section detected through the use
of an automated school bus safety camera shall not exceed twice the
monetary penalty for a violation of this section as provided under RCW
46.63.110. [2011 c 375 § 3; 1997 c 80 § 1; 1990 c 241 § 8; 1965 ex.s.
c 155 § 52.]

Rules of court: Monetary penalty schedule—IRLJ 6.2.

Intent—2011 c 375: See note following RCW 46.63.180.

Bus routes: RCW 28A.160.115.