

Kadyn's Law also increased the criminal penalties and administrative sanctions for those convicted of such violations, which are now as follows.

Offense	Criminal citation	Fine (*additional surcharges and court costs apply)	Imprisonment	Driving privilege suspension
First offense	Iowa Code 321.372(5)(b)(1) — Unlawful passing of school bus first offense, simple misdemeanor	Iowa Code 321.372(5)(b)(1) — At least \$250, but not more than \$675	The court may order imprisonment not to exceed 30 days in lieu of or in addition to a fine.	The Iowa DOT will impose a 30-day suspension.
Second offense	Iowa Code 321.372(5)(b)(2) — Unlawful passing of school bus, second or subsequent offense, serious misdemeanor	Iowa Code 903.1(b) — At least \$315, but not more than \$1,875	The court may also order imprisonment not to exceed one year.	The Iowa DOT will impose a 90-day suspension.
Third and subsequent offenses	Iowa Code 321.372(5)(b)(2) — Unlawful passing of school bus, second or subsequent offense, serious misdemeanor	Iowa Code 903.1(b) — At least \$315, but not more than \$1,875	The court may also order imprisonment not to exceed one year.	The Iowa DOT will impose a 180-day suspension.
Any offense causing serious injury to another person*	Iowa Code 321.482A — Violations resulting in injury or death — additional penalties	Iowa Code 321.482A(1) — a fine of \$500	N/A	The court may order the Iowa DOT to suspend the person's driving privileges for a period of 90 days in lieu of or in addition to the fine.
Any offense causing death to another person* **	Iowa Code 321.482A — Violations resulting in	Iowa Code 321.482A(2) — a fine of \$1,000	N/A	The court may order the Iowa DOT to suspend the person's driving privileges for a period

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	injury or death — additional penalties			of 180 days in lieu of or in addition to the fine.

*\*Although not affected by Kady's Law, it is important to remember that offenses that cause unintentional serious injury or death to another person and that are charged as operating while intoxicated (OWI), reckless driving, eluding or attempting to elude a law enforcement vehicle, or drag racing may be charged as homicide or serious injury by vehicle, which are class "B" (OWI causing death), "C" (reckless driving or eluding causing death) or "D" (OWI, reckless driving, or eluding causing serious injury; drag racing causing death) felonies. These felonies carry significant higher penalties and sanctions, including fines of up to \$10,000, mandatory restitution of \$150,000, mandatory imprisonment of 25 years, and mandatory suspension of driving privileges for six years for a class "B" felony conviction.*

*\*\* The Iowa DOT also has authority under Iowa Code 321.210 and 761 Iowa Administrative Code to suspend the driving privilege of a person convicted for a moving violation that contributed to a fatal motor vehicle accident for at least 120 days. Typical suspensions under this authority are for a period of one year.*

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Although misdemeanor convictions do not pose the same penalties as felony convictions, they often have other effects on a person's life. Employers often run background checks, and when they do, a misdemeanor is a criminal offense that will appear on the report. A misdemeanor can also cause problems with obtaining security clearances.

Kim Snook, director of the Iowa DOT's Office of Driver Services, said, "We hope that these increased penalties and sanctions will make driver's think twice before foolishly choosing to pass a stopped school bus. More than thinking about their own penalty, however, we hope they will remember and recognize that passing a stopped school bus threatens the life of a child. The few seconds gained is not worth risking a child's life."

The Iowa departments of Transportation, Public Safety and Education, and University of Iowa-National Advanced Driving Simulator and Iowa State University-Center for Transportation Research and Education have teamed up to provide additional public education on school bus safety this year, as well as to complete a study on school bus safety due to the legislature in December. More information about the educational effort will be announced in the coming weeks.