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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION HEARS REP. POPE'S SCHOOL BUS BILL

MADISON - This Tuesday, the Committee on Transportation held a public hearing on a bill from Representative Sondy Pope (D- Cross Plains) to extend school bus safety procedures, Assembly Bill 254.

Rep. Pope initially introduced the bill in 2002, her first session in office. The School Bus Association has voiced support for the bill, which would extend the requirement to stop behind a school bus to include private driveways and roads.

“This bill proposes a commonsense fix to potentially unsafe situations for our students. I am hopeful that this bill will pass so that our children can feel safe and secure, no matter where their school bus stops.”

The idea from the bill initially came from a Wisconsin family who felt unsafe as their children boarded and left their school bus. The family lived in a mobile home park with two cognitively disabled children, who often forgot to look before crossing the street in front of their school buses. Because residents in the family's neighborhood couldn't be ticketed, they often didn't come to a full stop behind the bus, creating a dangerous situation for the children.

To become law, the bill must now pass the Committee on Transportation, come before the full legislature for debate, and be signed by the Governor.

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