

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN, BREADON, COLETTA,
DURKAN, FERNANDES ANDERSON, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, MEJIA, SANTANA,
WEBER, WORRELL, AND LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN BOSTON SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

- WHEREAS,** In this day-of-age where food and grocery deliveries are tracked in real-time, this technology should be available to our families that struggle on a daily basis finding the location of their school bus pick-up/drop-off locations, and being able to share road/route status for efficient commutes; *and*
- WHEREAS,** School bus drivers and monitors should be able to effectively report on traffic and maintenance concerns that cause delays in doing their jobs effectively to minimize stress on school parents and guardians dependent on the school bus; *and*
- WHEREAS,** School buses should be respected by all parties using the road and yet their stop signs continue to be disregarded as little enforcement is currently available. On a state level, Bill S.2275, An Act Relative to School Bus Safety Cameras, was presented in February 2023 that was referred to the committee on Transportation showing a larger legislative support; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Across the Commonwealth, school districts have launched school bus camera pilots such as nearby Peabody that recorded over 850 vehicles illegally passing school buses within the first 5 weeks of the school year.; *and*
- WHEREAS,** School bus stop enforcement should be regarded as a community concern not just those utilizing the school bus. Drivers must be held accountable for unsafe behavior that could result in the fatality of school children; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A school bus is most children's first interaction and dependency on public transportation. All Boston residents should feel a level of trust that their students will safely arrive to their classes and back to their homes via the school bus;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on technological improvements in the Boston School Bus Transportation. Representatives from appropriate departments of the administration, and experts on school transportation programs will be invited, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

Filed on: March 6, 2024