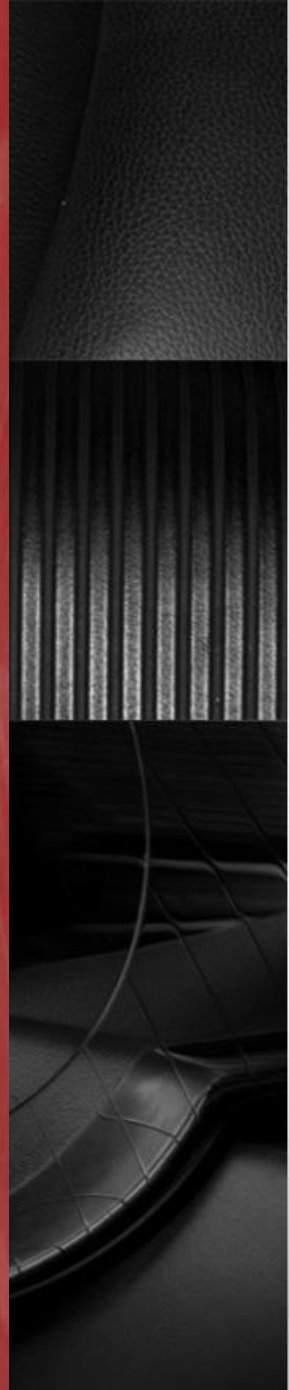


# Making our Roads Safer

By Representative Seth Grove





# Cracking Down on Drunk Driving: House Bill 212

- Introduced previously as HB 255.
- Works to end a loophole revealed in the Supreme Court Case *Commonwealth V. Haag*.
- The defendant in *Haag* was caught driving under the influence twice in the same evening, but because of the loophole each charge was treated as a first time offense.
- HB 212 ends the loophole by amending the law to state if a someone has already been sentenced in a previous charge for a DUI then the second conviction is treated as a subsequent offense.
- This applies only for DUI's.
- Under current law a conviction has to occur prior to the commission of the next offense. Otherwise both are treated as first time offenses.



# Cracking Down on Drunk Driving: House Bill 214

- Formerly House Bill 256
- House Bill 214 safeguard our roads from individuals are repeat offenders who have failed to take advantage of the numerous opportunities they've had to comply with the law and seek treatment or rehabilitation.
- For this bill a repeat offender is someone with 4 previous DUI violations.
- HB 214 secures our roads by increasing the offense to a category 3 felony, requiring a mandatory minimum 2 year sentence and a pay a fine that ranges between \$2,500-\$15,000
- In addition habitual DUI offenders under this bill sill see their vehicle seized through forfeiture for either use or sale as reasonably decided.
- If sold the proceeds go to the county operating fund with a portion going to the District Attorney's Office to continue cracking down on DUI violations.
- By seizing these dangerous individual's vehicles and enacting a 2 year sentence we are removing dangerous drivers and making our roads more secure.



## Red Light Cameras: House Bill 254

- Passed last Session as an amendment to House Bill 254 and expanded the use of Red Light Cameras.
- Additionally, 254 reauthorized Automated Red Light Cameras in Philadelphia for an additional 5 years.
- Automated Red Light Cameras now available to municipalities with 20,000 residents and Police Departments accredited Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association
- Violations are \$100 fine unless the fine is set by local ordinance to a lower amount
- Similar to House Bill 1580 the money from the fines is used for the implementation of the cameras.



# Protecting our Children: House Bill 1580

- **HB 1580 seeks to address the continually reported safety concern for our children.**
- **This concern is caused by the problem of cars dangerously passing school buses when kids enter and exit the vehicle.**
- **National Average shows that an individual bus sees a violation occur every day**
- **However, current law requires drivers to report the details of the car including the license plate.**
- **Changes current law by giving school districts and bus companies the option of having automated cameras to provide data for enforcing the law in cooperation with the area's primary police department. The program is designed similar to the Red Light Cameras**
- **School districts or the third party vendor they contract with send the evidence over to the police who decide if the evidence warrants further prosecution.**
- **Currently, Passing school bus at these times is punishable with \$250 fine and 60 day suspension of license. Violations recorded by the cameras would be \$250 fine and it does not prevent offenses being prosecuted under the existing method.**
- **After the decision has been made that evidence warrants issuing a citation, the notice shall be mailed out 60 days after the commission of the violation.**
- **The violator has 30 days to appeal the citation . In the case of an appeal the third party vendor will file the violation with the Magisterial Court with all supporting evidence.**
- **Money from the fines is used to cover the cost of implementation, and transportation of the students in the districts and if any money is left over it goes into providing students driver education program.**
- **House Bill 1580 serves as a deterrent by increasing the enforcement rate against illegal and dangerous offenses where a school bus is passed while children enter and exit a school bus**

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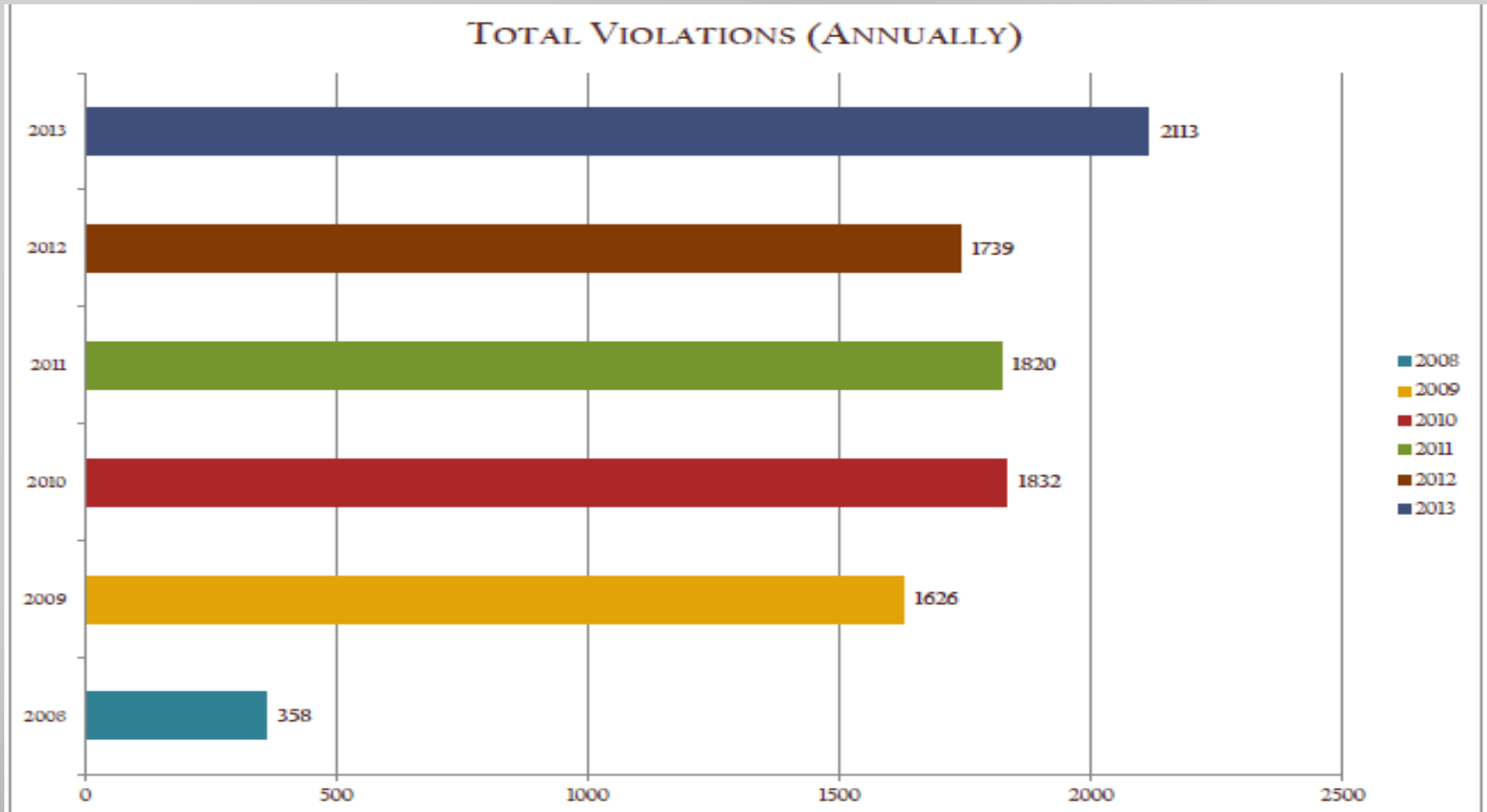


## TITLE 75, SECTION 3345 VIOLATIONS (A & F.1) OVERTAKING A SCHOOL BUS JANUARY 2008 TO DECEMBER 2013\*

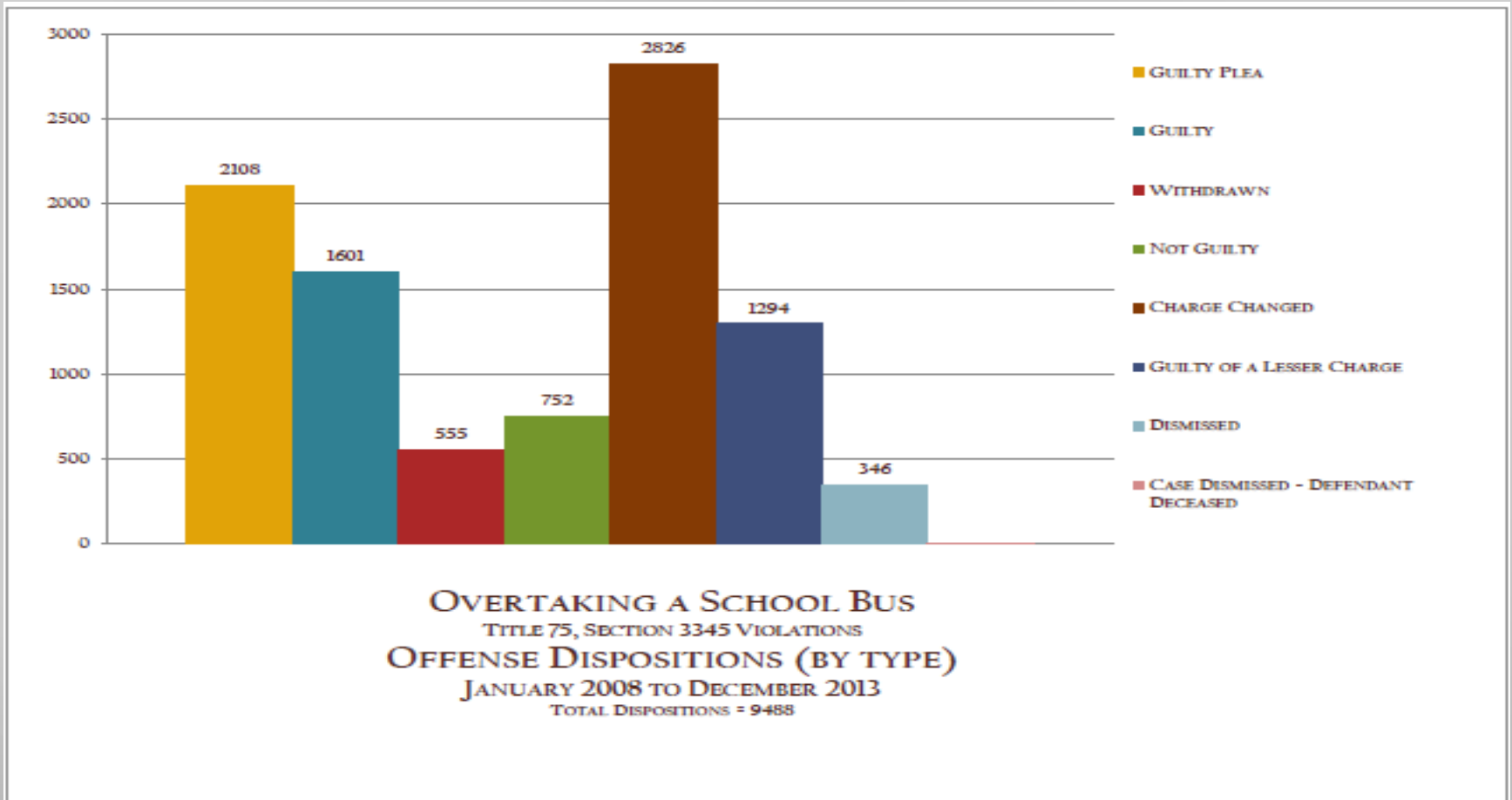
### TOP 20 COUNTIES BY VIOLATIONS

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|-----|-------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 1.  | Allegheny - 1970  | 11. | Northampton - 259  |
| 2.  | Montgomery - 1066 | 12. | Lancaster - 230    |
| 3.  | Bucks - 762       | 13. | Westmoreland - 183 |
| 4.  | Delaware - 650    | 14. | Cumberland - 160   |
| 5.  | Chester - 558     | 15. | Lackawanna - 155   |
| 6.  | Lehigh - 351      | 16. | Washington - 121   |
| 7.  | Erie - 339        | 17. | Cambria - 117      |
| 8.  | Dauphin - 324     | 18. | Butler - 114       |
| 9.  | York - 324        | 19. | Luzerne - 113      |
| 10. | Berks - 294       | 20. | Franklin - 96      |

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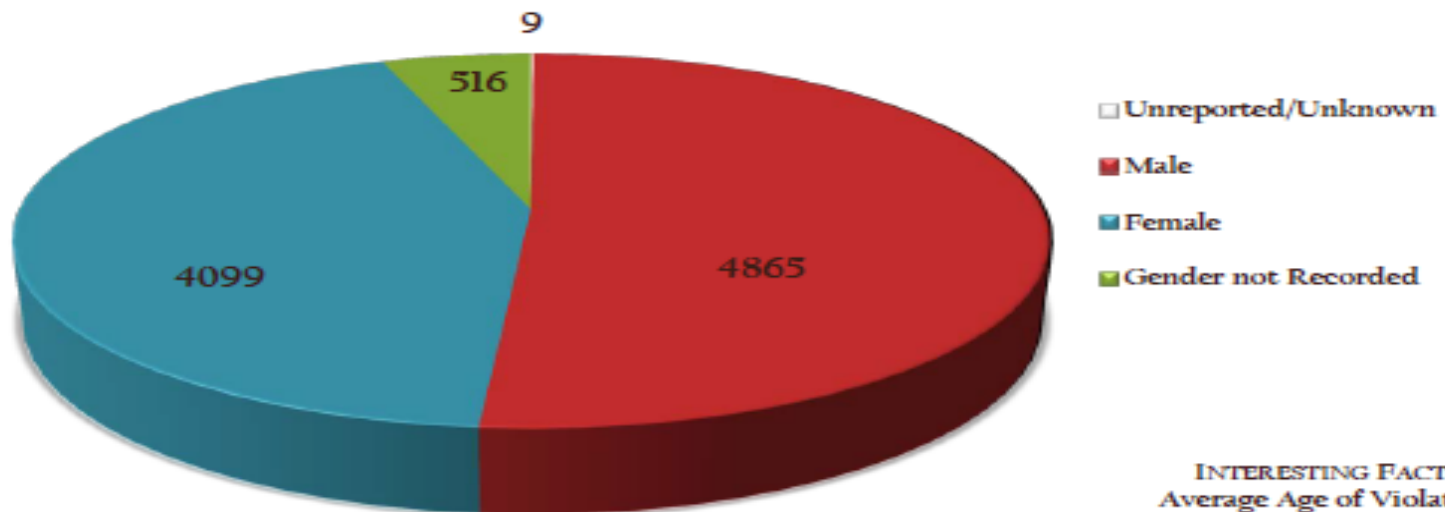
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**OVERTAKING A SCHOOL BUS**  
TITLE 75, SECTION 3345 VIOLATIONS  
**OFFENSES (BY GENDER)**  
JANUARY 2008 TO DECEMBER 2013  
TOTAL VIOLATORS = 9488



**INTERESTING FACT**  
Average Age of Violator  
39.97 years

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