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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Authorizes the installation of protective barriers in school buses to protect school bus operators from infectious diseases.
- Requires the Director of Public Safety to adopt emergency rules related to the construction, design, and installation of the barriers.
- Declares an emergency.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### School bus protective barriers

The bill allows the owner<sup>1</sup> of a school bus to install a protective barrier around or near the operator's seat to protect the operator from infectious diseases.

The bill requires the Director of Public Safety, with the advice of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, to adopt rules relating to the barrier's construction, design, and installation. The Director must adopt the initial rules as emergency rules within 30 days of the bill's effective date. The owner must install the barrier in accordance with these rules. After adopting the emergency rules, the Director must adopt permanent rules.

Additionally, when the State Highway Patrol conducts equipment inspections, the Patrol may inspect the protective barrier during that time.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Owner" means a person, school board, governing body, governing authority, or governmental entity. R.C. 4511.773(A).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4511.773 and Section 2.

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	05-06-20

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