

Comment from Mason Durden

I feel as though camera enforcement on school buses is a brilliant idea. It would allow buses to automatically detect and capture a car's license plates if it is passed, similar to the cameras that are able to detect speeding cars. However, there are a few problems I could see being formed by these cameras. For instance, the various state laws regarding passing school buses could cause issues for drivers who are visiting from another state. Take Georgia as an example, currently Georgia requires that all vehicles stop for school buses and their passengers in a two-lane road and then only requires the vehicles following the bus in a divided four-lane highway to stop for the bus and its passengers. Now New York claims that no matter what road you are on a vehicle must stop whether it is in front of or behind the school bus. Therefore, if a Georgian were to travel to New York, due to the law the Georgian is used to, there would be no regard for stopping if they were on a divided four-lane highway in New York, even though New York law would like for the vehicle to stop. Due to the conflicting laws that states have it would not be fair to the Georgian to be punished for a habit. Next, I could see some issues with the cameras arising. After all, the cameras are simply electronics, which can be faulty. The cameras could easily have too much range of sight on them and capture cars that are not passing the bus illegally which would create the need for a job that simply reviews the footage from the cameras to determine who is really passing and who is not. Lastly, electronics break and would need to be updated and maintained regularly. Where would this funding come from?