

**TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ACTION BY THE BRISTOL-WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING RECENT SCHOOL BUS SAFETY LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2025, legislation affecting school bus safety was enacted by the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation, known as P.L. 2025, chapters 253 & 254, provides that effective July 1, 2027, all new school buses shall be equipped with a live digital video school bus violation detection monitoring system; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation further provides that effective July 1, 2032, all school buses (not only new buses) shall be equipped with such systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislation empowers school districts to enter into agreements with private entities for the provision, maintenance, and operation of such systems, but input and approval by the municipal police chief is required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bristol Town Council wishes to partner with the Bristol-Warren Regional School District to prepare for these upcoming deadlines, and to ensure the safety of students, bus drivers, and bus monitors, as well as the safety of the general public;

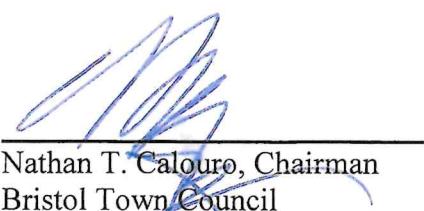
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Bristol Town Council hereby respectfully urges the Bristol-Warren Regional School Committee to review the recently enacted legislation affecting school bus safety enforcement, a copy of which is attached hereto, and consider issuing a request for proposals for vendors that can ensure compliance with these upcoming mandates.
2. The Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the members of the Bristol-Warren Regional School Committee and to the Superintendent of the Bristol-Warren Regional School District.

ATTEST:



Melissa Cordeiro  
Town Clerk



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Nathan T. Calouro, Chairman  
Bristol Town Council

