

1 HB100
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3 By Representatives Canfield, Drake, Treadaway, DeMarco and
4 Williams (J)
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1 Section 2. (a) For the purposes of this act, the
2 following words have the following meanings:

3 (1) REDUCED SPEED SCHOOL ZONE. A designated length
4 of a road or highway extending between school zone speed limit
5 signs with or without warning lights.

6 (2) ROAD or HIGHWAY. Any road or highway except an
7 interstate highway.

8 (3) SCHOOL ZONE. All school property, including
9 school grounds and any road or highway abutting the school
10 grounds and extending 300 feet along the road or highway from
11 the school grounds.

12 ~~(b) A county commission may establish a reduced~~
13 ~~speed school zone for any school in the county outside the~~

14 (b) A reduced speed school zone is hereby
15 established for any school in the county outside the corporate
16 limits of a municipality, including schools along
17 state-maintained roads or highways.

18 ~~(c) No person may operate a motor vehicle in excess~~
19 ~~of 20 miles per hour when passing through a reduced speed~~
20 ~~school zone during school hours when children are present and~~
21 ~~outside the building or for a time period generally 30 minutes~~
22 ~~before and after school hours.~~

23 ~~(d) (1) A reduced speed school zone shall include a~~
24 ~~distance of 300 hundred feet on either side of a school~~
25 ~~building or school grounds and shall be posted with an~~

1 ~~appropriate sign or signs showing: "SCHOOL-20 M.P.H. (here~~
2 ~~state the times) or WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT."~~

3 (21) At an appropriate distance before reaching a
4 reduced speed school zone, an appropriate sign or signs shall
5 be erected warning of the approaching reduced speed school
6 zone.

7 (32) A sign or signs at the end of the school zone
8 shall designate where the motor vehicle may resume the regular
9 speed limits.

10 (43) All signs and signing locations will be in
11 accordance with the regulations contained in the current
12 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

13 Section 3. (a) Signs on a reduced speed school zone
14 located on a county-maintained road shall be maintained by the
15 county commission.

16 (b) Signs on a reduced speed school zone located on
17 a state-maintained road or highway within a county shall be
18 maintained by the State Department of Transportation.

19 ~~Section 4. Any alteration of maximum limits on a~~
20 ~~state highway by a county commission pursuant to this act~~
21 ~~shall not be effective until 60 days after notification to the~~
22 ~~State Department of Transportation.~~

23 Section 5. School zone speed limits shall be posted
24 on the State Department of Transportation's standard size
25 speed limit signs and the times when the reduced speed limits

1 are in effect. Law enforcement authorities shall enforce
2 school zone speed limits.

3 Section 6. Upon conviction of a school zone speed
4 violation, the operator of the motor vehicle shall be assessed
5 a fine of double the amount prescribed by law outside a school
6 zone. The signs, placed at the entrance of the school zone,
7 shall warn of the doubled fines for speeding within a school
8 zone. The signs shall also state that the doubled fines are
9 applicable only during the times posted on the signs.

10 Section 7. The proceeds from any fines collected
11 pursuant to this act payable to a county or municipality
12 pursuant to state law shall be paid into the public road and
13 bridge fund of the county or the treasury of the municipality
14 in which the offense occurred.

15 Section 8. Although this bill would have as its
16 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
17 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further
18 requirements and application under Amendment 621, now
19 appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of
20 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the
21 bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an
22 existing crime.

23 Section 9. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
24 with this act are repealed.

1 Section 10. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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