
SENATE BILL 5239

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1 AN ACT Relating to school or playground speed zones; and amending
2 RCW 46.61.440.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.440 and 1997 c 80 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Subject to RCW 46.61.400(1), and except in those instances
7 where a lower maximum lawful speed is provided by this chapter or
8 otherwise, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to
9 operate the same at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour when
10 operating any vehicle upon a highway either inside or outside an
11 incorporated city or town when passing any (~~marked~~) school or
12 playground (~~crosswalk when such marked crosswalk~~) speed zone when the
13 beginning and end of the zone is fully posted with standard school
14 speed limit signs or standard playground speed limit signs. (~~The~~
15 ~~speed zone at the crosswalk shall~~) A school or playground speed zone
16 extends three hundred feet in either direction from ((the)) a marked
17 school or playground crosswalk, or three hundred feet from the school
18 or playground property line, whichever is encountered first as traffic

1 approaches the school. When no marked crosswalk exists, a school or
2 playground speed zone extends three hundred feet from the school or
3 playground property line.

4 (2) A person found to have committed any infraction relating to
5 speed restrictions within a school or playground speed zone shall be
6 assessed a monetary penalty equal to twice the penalty assessed under
7 RCW 46.63.110. This penalty may not be waived, reduced, or suspended.

8 (3) The school zone safety account is created in the custody of the
9 state treasurer. Fifty percent of the moneys collected under
10 subsection (2) of this section shall be deposited into the account.
11 Expenditures from the account may be used only by the Washington
12 traffic safety commission solely to fund projects in local communities
13 to improve school zone safety, pupil transportation safety, and student
14 safety in school bus loading and unloading areas. Only the director of
15 the traffic safety commission or the director's designee may authorize
16 expenditures from the account. The account is subject to allotment
17 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is required
18 for expenditures until July 1, 1999, after which date moneys in the
19 account may be spent only after appropriation.

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