
HOUSE BILL 3117

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By Representative Benson

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1 AN ACT Relating to speed limits when passing school or playground
2 crosswalks; and amending 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 playground
12 crosswalk when (a) such marked crosswalk is fully posted with standard
13 school speed limit signs or standard playground speed limit signs or
14 (b) children having unencumbered movement are present at the roadside.
15 The speed zone at the crosswalk shall extend three hundred feet in
16 either direction from the marked crosswalk.

17 (2) A person found to have committed any infraction relating to
18 speed restrictions within a school or playground speed zone shall be

1 assessed a monetary penalty equal to twice the penalty assessed under
2 RCW 46.63.110. This penalty may not be waived, reduced, or suspended.

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

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