
HOUSE BILL 1114

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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 playground
12 crosswalk when such marked crosswalk is fully posted with standard
13 school speed limit signs or standard playground speed limit signs. The
14 speed zone at the crosswalk shall extend three hundred feet in either
15 direction from the marked crosswalk.

16 (2) A county or incorporated city or town may create a school or
17 playground speed zone on a highway bordering a marked school or
18 playground, in which zone it is unlawful for a person to operate a

1 vehicle at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour. The school or
2 playground speed zone may extend three hundred feet from the border of
3 the school or playground property.

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

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