

School Zone Speeding Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses penalties for speeding in a school zone.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- modifies the speed limit at which a first time offender must observe a crossing guard.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-604, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 346

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-6a-604** is amended to read:

41-6a-604 . Maximum speed in a school zone -- Penalty -- Minimum fines --

Compensatory service -- Waiver -- Recordkeeping.

(1) A person may not operate a vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour in a

reduced speed school zone as defined in Section 41-6a-303.

(2)(a) A violation of Subsection (1) is a class C misdemeanor and the minimum fine:

(i) for a first offense shall be calculated according to the following schedule:

	Vehicle Speed	Minimum Fine
	21 - 29 MPH	\$ 260
	30 - 39 MPH	\$ 420
	40 MPH and greater	\$ 760

(ii) for a second and subsequent offense within three years of a previous conviction

or bail forfeiture shall be calculated according to the following schedule:

	Vehicle Speed	Minimum Fine
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32	21 - 29 MPH	\$ 320
33	30 - 39 MPH	\$ 560
34	40 MPH and greater	\$ 960

35 (b)(i) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(a)(ii), the court may order the person
 36 to perform compensatory service in lieu of the fine or any portion of the fine for
 37 an offense with a vehicle speed above 20 miles per hour.

38 (ii) The court shall order the person to perform compensatory service observing a
 39 crossing guard if the conviction is for~~[-a:]~~ :

40 (A) a first offense with a vehicle speed of [30] 40 miles per hour or more; or

41 (B) ~~[second and subsequent offense within three years of a previous conviction or~~
 42 ~~bail forfeiture.] a second or subsequent offense if the driver has a prior~~
 43 conviction or bail forfeiture within three years of the conviction.

44 (iii) The court may waive the compensatory service required under Subsection
 45 (2)(b)(ii) if the court makes the reasons for the waiver part of the record.

46 (3) The Driver License Division shall develop and implement a record system to
 47 distinguish:

48 (a) a conviction or bail forfeiture under this section from other convictions; and

49 (b) between a first and subsequent conviction or bail forfeiture under this section.

50 (4) The provisions of this section take precedence over the provisions of Sections 41-6a-601,
 51 41-6a-602, 41-6a-603, and 76-3-301.

52 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

53 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.