

# HB0178

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## School Zone Speeding Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Carol S. Moss**

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

# LONG TITLE

### General Description:

This bill addresses penalties for speeding in a school zone.

### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ {addresses} removes a provision specifically providing for compensatory service {for} serving a crossing guard for a conviction of speeding in a school zone; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

### 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

## HB0178 compared with HB0178S02

*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]~~ An individual 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
21 - 29 MPH	\$ 320
30 - 39 MPH	\$ 560
40 MPH and greater	\$ 960

(b)

~~[(i)]~~ ~~{[Except as provided under Subsection (2)(a)(ii), the court may order the person { } ]}~~ The court may order an individual who is subject to a fine under Subsection (1)(b)(i) for an offense with a vehicle speed above 20 miles per hour } to perform compensatory service in lieu of the fine or any portion of the fine.

~~[(ii)]~~ ~~The court { } shall { } may } order { } the person { } an individual }~~ to perform compensatory service observing a crossing guard if the conviction is for ~~{ } a { } : ]~~

~~[(A)]~~ ~~{ a } first offense with a vehicle speed of { } 30 { } 35 } miles per hour or more; or ]~~

~~[(B)]~~ ~~{ } second and subsequent offense within three years of a previous conviction or bail forfeiture.]~~

~~[(iii)]~~ ~~{ a second or subsequent offense if the individual has a prior conviction or bail forfeiture within three years before the conviction for which the court is sentencing the individual.~~

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

- 49 (3) The Driver License Division shall develop and implement a record system to distinguish:  
51 (a) a conviction ~~[or bail forfeiture]~~ under this section from other convictions; and  
52 (b) between a first and subsequent conviction ~~[or bail forfeiture]~~ under this section.  
53 (4) The provisions of this section take precedence over the provisions of Sections 41-6a-601,  
41-6a-602, 41-6a-603, and 76-3-301.

52 Section 2. **Effective date.**

Effective Date.

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.

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