

HB0178S02 compared with HB0178S01

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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} observing 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

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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:

26	Vehicle Speed	Minimum Fine
27	21 - 29 MPH	\$ 260
28	30 - 39 MPH	\$ 420
29	40 MPH and greater	\$ 760

(ii) for a second and subsequent offense within three years of a previous conviction { ~~H~~ → { } [or bail forfeiture-~~{ H }~~ { } ~~← H }~~] shall be calculated according to the following schedule:

32	Vehicle Speed	Minimum Fine
33	21 - 29 MPH	\$ 320
34	30 - 39 MPH	\$ 560
35	40 MPH and greater	\$ 960

{ f(b) }

{ }(i) {Except as provided under Subsection (2)(a)(ii), the court may order the person to perform compensatory service in lieu of the fine or any portion of the fine.} }

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

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

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

[(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.]

{(b) In addition to any other sentence that a court may impose, a court may order an individual who is subject to a fine under Subsection (2)(a) to perform compensatory service observing a crossing guard if:}

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48 {~~(i) the court has coordinated with a local school and an applicable law enforcement agency; and~~}
50 {~~(ii) the offense on which the conviction is based is:~~}
51 {~~(A) a first offense with a vehicle speed of 35 miles per hour or more; or~~}
52 {~~(B) a second or subsequent offense if the individual has a prior conviction within three years before
the conviction for which the court is sentencing the individual.~~}
55 (3) The Driver License Division shall develop and implement a record system to distinguish:
57 (a) a conviction { ~~or bail forfeiture~~ } under this section from other convictions; and
58 (b) between a first and subsequent conviction { ~~or bail forfeiture~~ } under this section.
59 (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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