

Carol S. Moss proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **School Zone Speeding Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Carol S. Moss**

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill addresses penalties for speeding in a school zone.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

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- 8 ▶ addresses compensatory service for speeding in a school zone; and
- 9 ▶ makes technical changes.

10 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

11 None

12 **Other Special Clauses:**

13 None

14 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

15 **AMENDS:**

16 **41-6a-604**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 346

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

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

19 **41-6a-604 . Maximum speed in a school zone -- Penalty -- Minimum fines --**

20 **Compensatory service -- Waiver -- Recordkeeping.**

21 (1) [A person] An individual may not operate a vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per

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

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

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

| 25 Vehicle Speed | 26 Minimum Fine |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 27 21 - 29 MPH   | 28 \$ 260       |
| 28 30 - 39 MPH   | \$ 420          |

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| 29 | 40 MPH and greater | \$ 760 |
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30 (ii) for a second and subsequent offense within three years of a previous conviction  
 31 or bail forfeiture shall be calculated according to the following schedule:

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

36 [(b)(i) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(a)(ii), the court may order the person  
 37 to perform compensatory service in lieu of the fine or any portion of the fine.]  
 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) first offense with a vehicle speed of 30 miles per hour or more; or]  
 41 [(B) second and subsequent offense within three years of a previous conviction or  
 42 bail forfeiture.]

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

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

48 (i) the court has coordinated with a local school and an applicable law enforcement  
 49 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  
 53 three years before the conviction for which the court is sentencing the  
 54 individual.

55 (3) The Driver License Division shall develop and implement a record system to  
 56 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,  
 60 41-6a-602, 41-6a-603, and 76-3-301.

61 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

62      This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.