

Michael J. Petersen proposes the following substitute bill:

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:

- removes a provision specifically providing for compensatory service 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

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 --

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

29	30 - 39 MPH	\$ 420
30	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:

33	Vehicle Speed	Minimum Fine
34	21 - 29 MPH	\$ 320
35	30 - 39 MPH	\$ 560
36	40 MPH and greater	\$ 960

(b)(~~+~~) 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.]~~

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

(a) a conviction [~~or bail forfeiture~~] under this section from other convictions; and

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

(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.

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.