

1 **REDUCED SPEED SCHOOL ZONE**

2 **AMENDMENTS**

3 2010 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Stephen E. Sandstrom**

6 Senate Sponsor: Margaret Dayton

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies the Traffic Code by amending provisions relating to reduced speed
11 school zones.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ provides that if a school crosswalk is established at a signalized intersection, a local
15 highway authority may reduce the speed limit at the signalized intersection to 20
16 miles per hour for a highway under its jurisdiction; and

17 ▶ makes technical changes.

18 **Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

19 None

20 **Other Special Clauses:**

21 This bill provides an immediate effective date.

22 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

23 AMENDS:

24 **41-6a-303**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 382

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

27 Section 1. Section **41-6a-303** is amended to read:

28 **41-6a-303. Definition of reduced speed school zone -- Operation of warning**
29 **lights -- School crossing guard requirements -- Responsibility provisions -- Rulemaking**

30 **authority.**

31 (1) As used in this section "reduced speed school zone" means a designated length of a
32 highway extending from a school zone speed limit sign with warning lights operating to an
33 end school zone sign.

34 (2) The Department of Transportation for state highways and local highway authorities
35 for highways under their jurisdiction:

36 (a) shall establish reduced speed school zones at elementary schools after written
37 assurance by a local highway authority that the local highway authority complies with
38 Subsections (3) and (4); and

39 (b) may establish reduced speed school zones for secondary schools at the request of
40 the local highway authority.

41 (3) For all reduced speed school zones on highways, including state highways within
42 the jurisdictional boundaries of a local highway authority, the local highway authority shall:

43 (a) (i) provide shuttle service across highways for school children; or

44 (ii) provide, train, and supervise school crossing guards in accordance with this
45 section;

46 (b) provide for the:

47 (i) operation of reduced speed school zones, including providing power to warning
48 lights and turning on and off the warning lights as required under Subsections (4) and (5); and

49 (ii) maintenance of reduced speed school zones except on state highways as provided
50 in Section 41-6a-302; and

51 (c) notify the Department of Transportation of reduced speed school zones on state
52 highways that are in need of maintenance.

53 (4) While children are going to or leaving school during opening and closing hours all
54 reduced speed school zones shall have:

55 (a) the warning lights operating on each school zone speed limit sign; and

56 (b) a school crossing guard present if the reduced speed school zone is for an
57 elementary school.

58 (5) The warning lights on a school zone speed limit sign may not be operating except
59 as provided under Subsection (4).

60 (6) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
61 the Department of Transportation shall make rules establishing criteria and specifications for
62 the:

63 [~~(a)~~] (i) establishment, location, and operation of school crosswalks, school zones, and
64 reduced speed school zones;

65 [~~(b)~~] (ii) training, use, and supervision of school crossing guards at elementary schools
66 and secondary schools; and

67 [~~(c)~~] (iii) content and implementation of child access routing plans under Section
68 53A-3-402.

69 (b) If a school crosswalk is established at a signalized intersection in accordance with
70 the requirements of this section, a local highway authority may reduce the speed limit at the
71 signalized intersection to 20 miles per hour for a highway under its jurisdiction.

72 (7) Each local highway authority shall pay for providing, training, and supervising
73 school crossing guards in accordance with this section.

74 Section 2. **Effective date.**

75 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect
76 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah
77 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,
78 the date of veto override.