

REDUCED SPEED SCHOOL ZONE

AMENDMENTS

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephen E. Sandstrom

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that notwithstanding any contrary rule made by the Department of Transportation, a local highway authority may establish a reduced speed school zone at a signalized intersection for a highway under its jurisdiction; and

- ▶ makes technical changes.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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



28 **41-6a-303. Definition of reduced speed school zone -- Operation of warning lights**
29 **-- 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 end
33 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) Notwithstanding any contrary rule made by the department under Subsection (6)(a),
70 a local highway authority may establish a reduced speed school zone at a signalized
71 intersection 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.

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State Impact

Enacting this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
