

SENATE BILL NO. 80—SENATOR O'DONNELL

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing speed limits in school zones. (BDR 43-159)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
 Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~{omitted material}~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; requiring that the signs designating the speed limit in a school crossing zone indicate the hours during which the speed limit is in effect; requiring the principal of each school to designate the hours during which the speed limit in a school zone or school crossing zone for the school is in effect; requiring the principal to notify the governing body of a local government or the department of transportation of the hours when the speed limit is in effect and any changes to those hours; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND
 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 484.366 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 484.366 1. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at a speed in
- 3 excess of 15 miles per hour in an area designated as a school zone except:
- 4 (a) On a day on which school is not in session;
- 5 (b) ~~{During the period from a half hour after school is no longer in~~
- 6 ~~operation to a half hour before school is next in operation; or~~
- 7 ~~—(c) If the zone is designated by an operational speed limit beacon,~~
- 8 during the hours when the pupils of the school are in class and the yellow
- 9 lights of the speed limit beacon are not flashing in the manner which
- 10 indicates that the speed limit is in effect ~~{;}~~ ; **or**
- 11 **(c) If the zone is not designated by an operational speed limit beacon,**
- 12 **during the hours when the speed limit is not in effect.**
- 13 2. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 25
- 14 miles per hour in an area designated as a school crossing zone except:
- 15 (a) On a day on which school is not in session;

1 (b) ~~{During the period from a half hour after school is no longer in~~
2 ~~operation to a half hour before school is next in operation; or~~

3 ~~—(c) If the zone is designated by an operational speed limit beacon,~~
4 ~~during the hours when the pupils of the school are in class and the yellow~~
5 ~~lights of the speed limit beacon are not flashing in the manner which~~
6 ~~indicates that the speed limit is in effect { } ; or~~

7 **(c) If the zone is not designated by an operational speed limit beacon,**
8 **during the hours when the speed limit is not in effect.**

9 3. The governing body of a local government or the department of
10 transportation shall designate school zones and school crossing zones. An
11 area must not be designated as a school zone if imposing a speed limit of
12 15 miles per hour would be unsafe because of higher speed limits in
13 adjoining areas.

14 4. Each such governing body and the department shall provide signs to
15 mark the beginning and end of each school zone and school crossing zone
16 which it respectively designates.

17 5. ***The principal of each school district shall designate the hours***
18 ***when the speed limit is in effect in the school zones and school crossing***
19 ***zones for the school. The hours during which the pupils of a school are***
20 ***in class must not be included in the hours during which the speed limit is***
21 ***in effect in the school zone or school crossing zone. The principal shall***
22 ***notify the governing body of a local government or the department of***
23 ***transportation of the hours when the speed limit is in effect and any***
24 ***changes to those hours.***

25 6. As used in this section, “speed limit beacon” means a device which
26 is used in conjunction with a sign and equipped with two or more yellow
27 lights that flash alternately to indicate when the speed limit in a school zone
28 or school crossing zone is in effect.

29 **Sec. 2.** NRS 484.3665 is hereby amended to read as follows:

30 484.3665 1. Each permanent sign which designates a school zone ***or***
31 ***school crossing zone*** and the speed limit in that zone must be uniform in
32 size and color and must clearly designate the hours during which the speed
33 limit applies.

34 2. Each portable sign designating a school zone and the speed limit in
35 the zone must be uniform in size and color. A portable sign may be placed
36 beside a roadway only during those hours when pupils are arriving at and
37 leaving regularly scheduled school sessions.

38 3. This section does not prohibit the use of automatic traffic-control
39 devices in school zones in lieu of permanent or portable signs.