

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 zone or school crossing zone indicate the times during which the speed limit is in effect; providing for the designation of such times; 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~~ ; ***or***
11 ***(d) If the zone is not designated by an operational speed limit beacon,***
12 ***during the times when the sign designating the school zone indicates that***
13 ***the speed limit is not in effect.***
14 2. A person shall not drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 25
15 miles per hour in an area designated as a school crossing zone except:
16 (a) On a day on which school is not in session;
17 (b) During the period from a half hour after school is no longer in
18 operation to a half hour before school is next in operation; ~~or~~

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

(d) If the zone is not designated by an operational speed limit beacon, during the times when the sign designating the school zone indicates that the speed limit is not in effect.

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

4. Each such governing body and the department shall provide signs to mark the beginning and end of each school zone and school crossing zone which it respectively designates. *Each sign marking the beginning of such a zone must include a designation of the hours when the speed limit is in effect or that the speed limit is in effect when children are present.*

5. *With respect to each school zone and school crossing zone in a school district, the superintendent of the school district or his designee, in conjunction with the department of transportation and the governing body of the local government that designated the school zone or school crossing zone and after consulting with the principal of the school and the agency that is responsible for enforcing the speed limit in the zone, shall determine the times when the speed limit is in effect.*

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

Sec. 2. NRS 268.425 is hereby amended to read as follows:

268.425 The city council or other governing body of each incorporated city, whether incorporated by general or special act, shall cause to be displayed, in each school zone and school crossing zone where the city has posted a speed limit, signs or other devices designating the ~~hours of the day or night or both~~ times during which the speed limit in the zone is to apply.

Sec. 3. NRS 269.185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

269.185 1. In addition to the powers and jurisdiction conferred upon the town boards or boards of county commissioners by this chapter, such boards may:

(a) Regulate traffic upon the streets and alleys of towns or cities governed by such boards pursuant to this chapter.

(b) Regulate the speed, parking, stopping, turning and operation of all motor vehicles and other vehicles using the streets and alleys.

1 (c) Pass and adopt all ordinances, rules and regulations, and do and
2 perform all acts and things necessary for the execution of the powers and
3 jurisdiction conferred by this section.

4 2. The town board or board of county commissioners shall cause to be
5 displayed, in each school zone and school crossing zone where the county
6 has posted a speed limit, signs or other devices designating the ~~hours of~~
7 ~~the day or night or both~~ **times** during which the speed limit in the zone is
8 to apply.

9 **Sec. 4.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections 4 and 5 of NRS
10 484.366, as amended by this act, a sign which is in existence on October 1,
11 1999, to mark the beginning of a school zone or school crossing zone need
12 not be replaced to comply with the provisions of NRS 484.366, as amended
13 by this act, until the sign would have otherwise been replaced in the normal
14 course of maintaining the sign.

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