

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 645—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

MARCH 26, 2001

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions regarding signs posted in school zones. (BDR 43-1297)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: 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; revising the provisions regarding signs posted in school zones; requiring the department of transportation to establish standards for the use of signs in school zones; 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 484.3665 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 484.3665 1. Each permanent sign which designates a school zone
- 3 and the speed limit in that zone must ~~be~~ :
- 4 (a) *Be* uniform in size and color ~~and must clearly~~ ;
- 5 (b) *Clearly* designate the hours during which the speed limit applies ~~to~~ ;
- 6 *and*
- 7 (c) *To the extent practicable, conform with any applicable standards*
- 8 *adopted by the department of transportation pursuant to subsection 3.*
- 9 2. Each portable sign designating a school zone and the speed limit in
- 10 the zone must ~~be~~ :
- 11 (a) *Be* uniform in size and color ~~to~~ ; *and*
- 12 (b) *To the extent practicable, conform with any applicable*
- 13 *standards adopted by the department of transportation pursuant to*
- 14 *subsection 3.*
- 15 A portable sign may be placed beside a roadway only during those hours
- 16 when pupils are arriving at and leaving regularly scheduled school
- 17 sessions.
- 18 3. *The department of transportation shall establish standards with*
- 19 *respect to the use of signs in school zones. To maximize safety and*
- 20 *awareness in a school zone during the time when the speed limit is in*
- 21 *effect, while facilitating the flow of traffic during the time when the*
- 22 *speed limit is not in effect, the standards adopted by the department of*
- 23 *transportation must, to the extent practicable:*



- 1 (a) *Encourage the use of signs that:*
- 2 (1) *Display variable messages;*
- 3 (2) *Are fluorescent yellow-green in color, with wide-angle*
- 4 *retroreflectivity;*
- 5 (3) *Are electronically changeable, with an emphasis on the use of*
- 6 *features such as remote changeability and automatic scheduling; and*
- 7 (4) *Use radar feedback to allow a driver to view his speed; and*
- 8 (b) *Discourage the use of signs that use lights that flash alternately or*
- 9 *a source-emitting light.*
- 10 4. This section does not prohibit the use of automatic traffic-control
- 11 devices in school zones in lieu of permanent or portable signs.
- 12 **Sec. 2.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 484.3665, as amended
- 13 by this act, a sign that is in existence on July 1, 2001, need not be replaced
- 14 to comply with the provisions of NRS 484.3665, as amended by this act,
- 15 until the sign would have otherwise been replaced in the normal course of
- 16 maintaining the sign.
- 17 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2001.

