

Subject School zone speed limits

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Summary

This bill modifies speed limits in school zones by:

- setting a statutory school zone speed limit default of 20 m.p.h. in “urban residential districts” (which are areas with houses situated at intervals of less than 100 feet apart for at least a quarter mile);
- for schools located outside of an urban residential district, directing local road authorities to create a school zone speed limit that is from 10 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. below the surrounding speed limit, without a traffic and engineering study required; and
- broadening the current local authority to establish school zone speed limits, so that a traffic and engineering study is not required beforehand and a local authority can further modify speed limits from the requirements listed above.

The changes go into effect August 1, 2021.