

CHAPTER NO. 967

HOUSE BILL NO. 2025

By Representatives Bunch, Newton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2226

By Senator Miller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152, relative to school safety zones.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-152(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1)(A) Except as provided for certain counties in subdivision (d)(2), counties and municipalities are authorized to establish special speed limits upon any highway or public road of this State within their jurisdiction, except at school entrances and exits to and from controlled access highways on the system of state highways, which is adjacent to school grounds that are devoted primarily to normal school day activity. Such speed limit shall be enacted based on an engineering investigation, shall not be less than fifteen miles per hour (15 mph) and shall be in effect only when proper signs are posted with a warning flasher or flashers in operation and only while children are actually present.

(B) In any county or municipality where the local legislative body does not establish special speed limits as provided for above, any person who shall drive at a speed exceeding fifteen miles per hour (15 mph) when passing a school during a recess period when a warning flasher or flashers are in operation, or during a period of ninety (90) minutes before the opening hour of a school or a period of ninety (90) minutes after the closing hour of a school, while children are actually going to or leaving school, shall be prima facie guilty of reckless driving.

(C) The Department of Transportation has the authority to establish such special speed limits at school entrances and exits to and from controlled access highways on the system of state highways.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 9, 2000


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of June 2000


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR