

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1229

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5 By: Representative Hall

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW RELATED TO SPEED LIMITS
9 NEAR SCHOOLS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO CLARIFY THE LAW RELATED TO SPEED
14 LIMITS NEAR SCHOOLS.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-212 is amended to read as follows:
20 27-51-212. Speed limit near schools – Exceptions.

21 (a)(1) As used in this section, "when children are present" means when
22 one (1) or more children occupy:

23 (A) A crosswalk that is part of a school zone;

24 (B) A road or highway that is part of a school zone; or

25 (C) A sidewalk or shoulder of a road or highway that
26 provides unimpeded access to a road or highway that borders a school zone.

27 (2) "When children are present" also includes when a traffic
28 control person in his or her official gear or clothing is present at a
29 crosswalk to assist children as they arrive at or leave school, even if a
30 child is not present at the time;

31 ~~(a)(b)~~ No A person shall not operate a motor vehicle in excess of
32 twenty-five ~~(25)~~ miles per hour (25 m.p.h.) when passing a school building or
33 school zone during school hours when children are present ~~and outside the~~
34 ~~building.~~

35 ~~(b)(c)~~ This The speed limit under this section ~~shall not be applicable~~
36 ~~upon~~ does not apply to the freeways and interstate highways of this state or



1 to school zones adequately protected by a steel fence limiting ~~access to and~~
2 ~~egress entry to and exit~~ from safety crossings.

3 (d)(1)(A) A school zone shall be flanked with appropriate signs that
4 display the speed limit and be in a form substantially similar to "SCHOOL
5 ZONE - XX M.P.H. WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT".

6 (B) A school advance sign shall be erected at an
7 appropriate distance before reaching the school zone sign.

8 (C) A sign at each end of the school zone shall be erected
9 that states "SCHOOL ZONE ENDS" and displays the speed limit for traffic
10 outside of the school zone.

11 (2) If a sign-mounted flashing beacon is used, it shall be
12 placed only on the school advance sign assembly as described in subdivision
13 (d)(1)(B).

14 (3)(A) The signage required under subsection (d) of this section
15 shall be erected by the public entity responsible for maintaining the road or
16 highway and includes without limitation the Arkansas State Highway and
17 Transportation Department, the county, or the municipality.

18 (B) The signs, sign installation, and sign maintenance
19 shall be in accordance with the regulations contained in the Manual on
20 Uniform Traffic Control Devices as in effect on February 1, 2011.

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