

1 SB60  
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3 By Senator Ward  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
5 First Read: 05-MAR-19

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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a reduced speed school  
9 zone is established for every school in the county  
10 outside the corporate limits of a municipality.

11 This bill would provide that the reduced  
12 speed school zone is established for every public  
13 and private school in the state.

14 Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama  
15 of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the  
16 Official ReCompilation of the Constitution of  
17 Alabama of 1901, as amended, prohibits a general  
18 law whose purpose or effect would be to require a  
19 new or increased expenditure of local funds from  
20 becoming effective with regard to a local  
21 governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote  
22 unless: it comes within one of a number of  
23 specified exceptions; it is approved by the  
24 affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates  
25 funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to  
26 the entity for the purpose.

1                   The purpose or effect of this bill would be  
2                   to require a new or increased expenditure of local  
3                   funds within the meaning of the amendment. However,  
4                   the bill does not require approval of a local  
5                   governmental entity or enactment by a 2/3 vote to  
6                   become effective because it comes within one of the  
7                   specified exceptions contained in the amendment.

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9                   A BILL  
10                  TO BE ENTITLED  
11                  AN ACT

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13                  Relating to school zones; to amend Sections  
14                  32-5A-181, 32-5A-182, and 32-5A-183, Code of Alabama 1975, to  
15                  provide that the reduced speed school zone applies to every  
16                  school in a county or municipality; and in connection  
17                  therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement  
18                  of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the  
19                  meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of  
20                  1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official  
21                  Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as  
22                  amended.

23                  BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

24                  Section 1. Sections 32-5A-181, 32-5A-182, and  
25                  32-5A-183, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as  
26                  follows:

27                  "§32-5A-181.

1           "For the purposes of this article, the following  
2 words have the following meanings:

3           "(1) REDUCED SPEED SCHOOL ZONE. A designated length  
4 of a road or highway extending between school zone speed limit  
5 signs with or without warning lights.

6           "(2) ROAD or HIGHWAY. Any road or highway except an  
7 interstate highway.

8           "(3) SCHOOL ZONE. All public or private school  
9 property, including school grounds and any road or highway  
10 abutting the school grounds and extending 300 feet along the  
11 road or highway from the school grounds.

12           "§32-5A-182.

13           "A reduced speed school zone is established for ~~any~~  
14 every school in ~~the a county outside the corporate limits of a~~  
15 or municipality, including schools along state-maintained  
16 roads or highways.

17           "(1) At an appropriate distance before reaching a  
18 reduced speed school zone, an appropriate sign or signs shall  
19 be erected warning of the approaching reduced speed school  
20 zone.

21           "(2) A sign or signs at the end of the school zone  
22 shall designate where the motor vehicle may resume the regular  
23 speed limits.

24           "(3) All signs and signing locations shall be in  
25 accordance with the rules contained in the current Manual of  
26 Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

27           "§32-5A-183.

1           "(a) Signs on a reduced speed school zone located on  
2 a county-maintained road shall be placed and maintained by the  
3 county commission.

4           "(b) Signs on a reduced speed school zone located on  
5 a municipality-maintained road shall be placed and maintained  
6 by the municipality.

7           "~~(b)~~ (c) Signs on a reduced speed school zone  
8 located on a state-maintained road or highway within a county  
9 shall be placed and maintained by the State Department of  
10 Transportation."

11           Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
12 first day of the third month following its passage and  
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.