

1 SB71  
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3 By Senator Ward  
4 RFD: Education Policy  
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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to school zones; to amend Sections  
12 32-5A-181, 32-5A-182, and 32-5A-183, Code of Alabama 1975, to  
13 provide that the reduced speed school zone applies to every  
14 school in a county or municipality; and in connection  
15 therewith would have as its purpose or effect the requirement  
16 of a new or increased expenditure of local funds within the  
17 meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama of  
18 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official  
19 Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as  
20 amended.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

22 Section 1. Sections 32-5A-181, 32-5A-182, and  
23 32-5A-183, Code of Alabama 1975, are amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 "§32-5A-181.

26 "For the purposes of this article, the following  
27 words have the following meanings:

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

4           "(2) ROAD or HIGHWAY. Any road or highway except an  
5 interstate highway.

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

10           "§32-5A-182.

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

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

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

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

25           "§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. Although this bill would have as its  
12 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
13 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further  
14 requirements and application under Amendment 621, now  
15 appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of  
16 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the  
17 bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of and  
18 existing crime.

19           Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
20 first day of the third month following its passage and  
21 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Senate

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Yeas 33  
Nays 0

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Secretary.