
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2518

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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Skinner, Blanton, Radcliff, Hankins, Delvin, Dickerson, Mitchell, Morris, Silver and Chandler)

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1 AN ACT Relating to penalties for speed infractions in school or
2 playground zones; amending RCW 46.61.440; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.440 and 1975 c 62 s 34 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Subject to RCW 46.61.400(1), and except in those instances
7 where a lower maximum lawful speed is provided by this chapter or
8 otherwise, it shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle to
9 operate the same at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour when
10 operating any vehicle upon a highway either inside or outside an
11 incorporated city or town when passing any marked school or playground
12 crosswalk when such marked crosswalk is fully posted with standard
13 school speed limit signs or standard playground speed limit signs. The
14 speed zone at the crosswalk shall extend three hundred feet in either
15 direction from the marked crosswalk.

16 (2) A person found to have committed any infraction relating to
17 speed restrictions within a school or playground speed zone shall be
18 assessed a monetary penalty equal to twice the penalty assessed under
19 RCW 46.63.110. This penalty may not be waived, reduced, or suspended.

1 (3) Fifty percent of the moneys collected under subsection (2) of
2 this section shall be forwarded to the state treasurer for deposit into
3 the school zone safety account, hereby created in the transportation
4 fund, to be used by the Washington traffic safety commission solely to
5 fund projects in local communities to improve school zone safety.

6 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
9 immediately.

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