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By Committee on Highways & Transportation

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 46.61.440 and 1997 c 80 s 2 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

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

15 (2) A county or incorporated city or town may create a school or
16 playground speed zone on a highway bordering a marked school or
17 playground, in which zone it is unlawful for a person to operate a
18 vehicle at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour. The school or
19 playground speed zone may extend three hundred feet from the border of
20 the school or playground property; however, the speed zone may only
21 include area consistent with active school or playground use.

22 (3) A person found to have committed any infraction relating to
23 speed restrictions within a school or playground speed zone shall be
24 assessed a monetary penalty equal to twice the penalty assessed under
25 RCW 46.63.110. This penalty may not be waived, reduced, or suspended.

26 ((+3)) (4) The school zone safety account is created in the
27 custody of the state treasurer. Fifty percent of the moneys collected
28 under subsection ((+2)) (3) of this section shall be deposited into
29 the account. Expenditures from the account may be used only by the
30 Washington traffic safety commission solely to fund projects in local

1 communities to improve school zone safety, pupil transportation safety,
2 and student safety in school bus loading and unloading areas. Only the
3 director of the traffic safety commission or the director's designee
4 may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
5 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but no appropriation is
6 required for expenditures until July 1, 1999, after which date moneys
7 in the account may be spent only after appropriation."

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8 In line 1 of the title, after "zones;" strike the remainder of the
9 title and insert "and amending RCW 46.61.440."

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