

1 H.306

2 Introduced by Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Gallivan of Chittenden,

3 Lanpher of Vergennes, and Russell of Rutland City

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Motor vehicles; school zones; speed limit

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to double the
8 penalty for speeding in a school zone and to designate that fines collected for
9 school zone speeding violations be allocated to the Safe Routes to School
10 Program within the Transportation Alternatives Program.

11 An act relating to penalties for speeding in school zones

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1081 is amended to read:

14 § 1081. BASIC RULE AND MAXIMUM LIMITS

15 (a) No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than is
16 reasonable and prudent under the conditions, having regard for the actual and
17 potential hazards then existing. In every event speed shall be controlled as
18 necessary to avoid colliding with any person, vehicle, or other object on or
19 adjacent to the highway.

1 (b) Except when there exists a special hazard that requires lower speed in
2 accordance with subsection (a) of this section, the limits specified in this
3 section or established as hereinafter authorized are maximum lawful speeds,
4 and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of 50
5 miles per hour.

6 (c) The maximum speed limits set forth in this section may be altered in
7 accordance with sections 1003, 1004, 1007, and 1010 of this title.

8 (d) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of
9 subsection (a) of this section, drive at an appropriate, reduced speed when
10 approaching and crossing an intersection or railway grade crossing, when
11 approaching and going around a curve, when approaching the crest of a hill,
12 when traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when special hazard
13 exists.

14 (e) Notwithstanding the limits established in section 2302 of this title, the
15 penalty for violating a state or municipal speed limit in a school zone
16 designated with signs in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 921 shall be twice the
17 penalty for a nonschool-zone speed limit violation. Notwithstanding 13 V.S.A.
18 §§ 7251–7252, one-half of a fine that is doubled under this subsection and
19 collected shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund for expenditure on
20 projects within the Safe Routes to School Program authorized under 23 U.S.C.
21 § 213(b) (Transportation Alternatives).

