

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4840**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 627a (MCL 257.627a), as amended by 2016 PA 446.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 627a. (1) As used in this section:

2       (a) "Regularly scheduled school session" means that part of a  
3       day scheduled for student instruction until final dismissal of the  
4       student body for that day.

5       (b) "School" means an educational institution operated by a  
6       local school district or by a private, denominational, or parochial  
7       organization. School does not include either of the following:

8       (i) An educational institution that the department of  
9       education determines has its entire student population in residence

1 at the institution.

2 (ii) An educational institution to which all students are  
3 transported in motor vehicles.

4 (c) "School zone" means school property on which a school  
5 building is located and the adjacent property. A school zone  
6 extends not more than 1,000 feet from the school property line in  
7 any direction. If 2 or more schools occupy the same property or  
8 adjacent properties, 1 of the following applies, as applicable:

9 (i) If the hours of instruction at the schools are the same,  
10 then a single combined school zone shall be established.

11 (ii) If the hours of instruction at the schools are different,  
12 overlapping school zones shall be established.

13 (2) A school zone speed limit on a highway segment in a school  
14 zone, which, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, shall  
15 be in force not more than 30 minutes before the first regularly  
16 scheduled school session, rounded to the nearest multiple of 5  
17 minutes, until school commences, and from dismissal until not more  
18 than 30 minutes after the last regularly scheduled school session,  
19 rounded to the nearest multiple of 5 minutes, may be decreased by  
20 not more than 20 miles per hour less than the speed limit normally  
21 posted but shall be not less than 25 miles per hour. A school  
22 superintendent may begin the 30-minute period before the first  
23 regularly scheduled school session described in this subsection at  
24 a time that is less than 30 minutes before the first regularly  
25 scheduled school session and that extends beyond the time school  
26 commences, may begin the 30-minute period after dismissal at a time  
27 other than dismissal, and, if a school has an off-campus lunch

1 period, may designate the period provided for off-campus lunch as a  
2 period during which the school zone speed limit described in this  
3 subsection applies.

4 (3) School zone speed limits shall not apply to a limited  
5 access highway. ~~or a highway segment over which a pedestrian~~  
6 ~~overhead walkway is erected, if the walkway is adjacent to school~~  
7 ~~property.~~

8 (4) Notwithstanding the requirements for a school zone as  
9 defined in subsection (1)(c), if a school is located in an area  
10 that requires school children to cross a state trunk line highway  
11 or county highway that has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or  
12 more to attend that school, the school superintendent may submit a  
13 request to the state transportation commission, county road  
14 commission, or local authority having jurisdiction over the  
15 roadway, as applicable, for a school crossing as permitted under  
16 section 613a. If, based on the traffic engineering studies, the  
17 road authority determines the need for a lower speed limit, the  
18 road authority may designate the crossing as a school zone. Before  
19 submitting a request, the school superintendent shall have  
20 completed a school route plan as prescribed by section 7A-1 of the  
21 Michigan manual ~~of~~ **ON** uniform traffic control devices.

22 (5) If a school is in session year-round, a sign reading "All  
23 Year School" shall be posted on the same signpost as and  
24 immediately below the school zone sign.

25 (6) Louvered signs, digital message signs, and flashing lights  
26 may be installed to supplement or replace permanent signs required  
27 under this section. Signs erected and maintained as required under

1 this section shall conform to the Michigan manual on uniform  
2 traffic control devices.

3 (7) A person who violates a speed limit established under this  
4 section is responsible for a civil infraction.

5 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
6 after the date it is enacted into law.