

SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT

House Bill 4251

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Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4251 AS INTRODUCED 2-6-97

House Bill 4251 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to set the school zone prima facie speed limit at 15 miles per hour. However, under the bill the school zone speed limit could not be more than 15 miles per hour below the regularly posted speed limit for any street within the zone.

Under current law, the speed limit near schools generally is set at 25 miles per hour, and that 25 mile per hour speed limit is in force in a designated school zone 30 minutes before and after the regularly scheduled school session, and during a lunch period when students are permitted to leave school. A "school zone" is limited to the area 1,000 feet from a school's property line in all directions. House Bill 4251 would reduce the maximum allowable speed from 25 miles per hour to 15 miles per hour.

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