

Legislative Analysis



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House Bill 4840 (H-1) as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Jim Tedder

Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4840 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to make highway segments with overhead pedestrian walkways subject to the Code's provisions regarding school zone speed limits.

Section 627a of the Code currently allows for a reduced speed limit on a highway segment within 1,000 feet of a school to which students might be expected to walk. A school zone speed limit may be up to 20 miles per hour less than the normally posted speed limit on the highway segment, to a minimum speed limit of 25 miles per hour. The school zone speed limit is generally effective, with some discretion, during the 30 minutes before the school's first class begins and the 30 minutes after the last class ends.

School zone speed limits currently do not apply to highway segments that are crossed by an overhead pedestrian walkway that is adjacent to the school property.

House Bill 4840 would remove this exception and make highway segments crossed by overhead walkways subject to school zone speed limits, if those limits would otherwise apply.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Michigan Department of Transportation indicates that the H-1 substitute would have minimal fiscal impact on the department.

POSITIONS:

The Department of State Police supports the bill. (11-28-17)

A representative of the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation testified in support of the bill. (11-28-17)

A representative of the Waterford School District testified in support of the bill. (11-28-17)

The Michigan Department of Transportation has no position on the bill. (2-6-18)

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