
By: **Senators Stone and Astle**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - School Zones - Maximum Speed Limits**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to establish certain
4 speed zones after a request from a political subdivision; prohibiting the State
5 Highway Administration from establishing a maximum speed limit in a school
6 zone in excess of a certain speed; and generally relating to maximum speed
7 limits in school zones.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 21-803.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 21-803.1.

17 (a) On the request of any political subdivision, the State Highway
18 Administration [may] SHALL establish speed zones and maximum speed limits
19 within a half-mile radius of any school located adjacent to any highway in the
20 political subdivision.

21 (b) On each highway where a speed zone or speed limit is established under
22 this section, the State Highway Administration shall place signs designating the zone
23 and the maximum speed limits in it. The political subdivision shall pay the State
24 Highway Administration the cost of placing and maintaining these signs.

25 (c) A maximum speed limit established under this section is effective when
26 posted on appropriate signs giving notice of the limit.

27 (D) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM
28 SPEED LIMIT UNDER THIS SECTION THAT EXCEEDS 35 MILES PER HOUR.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1998.