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FISCAL NOTE

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Senate Bill 609 (Senators Stone and Green)

Judicial Proceedings

Vehicle Laws - Speeding in a School Zone - Penalties

The bill establishes that fines for speeding are doubled in a school zone if the sign designating the school zone also indicates that fines are doubled during school hours. Current law provides that fines may only be doubled if the signs are equipped with flashing warning lights that indicate that fines for speeding are doubled when the lights are activated. The bill would allow fines to be doubled if the school zone is equipped with either type of sign.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: To the extent that the bill extends the time frames in which fines may be doubled for speeding in school zones or increases the number of participating school zones, general fund revenues could increase. Any such increase is assumed to be minimal. Enforcement could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: Minimal. Local jurisdictions would not be required to purchase or install timed lighting devices in order for fines to be doubled in school zones.

Small Business Effect: None.

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