



SENATE BILL No. 735

October 26, 1995, Introduced by Senators BENNETT and
GOUGEON and referred to the Committee on Transportation
and Tourism.

A bill to amend section 627a of Act No. 300 of the Public
Acts of 1949, entitled as amended
"Michigan vehicle code,"
as amended by Act No. 222 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sec-
tion 257.627a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 627a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts
2 of 1949, as amended by Act No. 222 of the Public Acts of 1980,
3 being section 257.627a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 627a. (1) As used in this section and section 629:

6 (a) "Regularly scheduled school session" means that part of
7 a day of student instruction which is followed by a break for
8 lunch or by a final dismissal of the student body for that day.

1 (b) "School" means an educational institution operated by a
2 local school district or by a private, denominational, or
3 parochial organization. ~~, except an educational institution con-~~
4 ~~taining only grades above eighth grade.~~ School shall not include
5 an educational institution which the department of education
6 determines ~~either~~ has its entire student population in resi-
7 dence at the institution. ~~or has its entire student population~~
8 ~~transported to and from the institution by motor vehicles.~~

9 (c) "School zone" means school property on which a school
10 building is located and the area adjacent to the school property
11 which is designated by the signs required under subsection (2).
12 The school zone shall extend not more than 1,000 feet from the
13 property line of the school in each direction.

14 (2) Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ SUBSECTIONS (4) AND
15 (5), the prima facie speed limit in a school zone, which shall be
16 in force 30 minutes before the first regularly scheduled school
17 session until school commences and from dismissal until 30
18 minutes after the last regularly scheduled school session, and
19 during a lunch period when students are permitted to leave the
20 school, shall be NOT MORE THAN 25 miles an hour, if permanent
21 signs designating the school zone and the speed limit in the
22 school zone are posted at the request of the school
23 superintendent. The signs shall conform to the Michigan manual
24 of uniform traffic control devices.

25 (3) This section shall not apply to a limited access highway
26 or to that portion of a street or highway over which a pedestrian
27 overhead walkway is erected, if the walkway is adjacent to school

1 property and is designed and located so as to be used, and is
2 being used, as the principal means by which students of a school
3 which has property adjacent to the walkway travel to and from the
4 school.

5 (4) Local authorities may increase or decrease the prima
6 facie speed limit within a school zone under their jurisdiction
7 pursuant to section 629.

8 (5) THE PRIMA FACIE SPEED LIMIT IN THAT PORTION OF A SCHOOL
9 ZONE THAT CONTAINS SCHOOL PROPERTY ON WHICH SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE
10 LOCATED SHALL BE NOT MORE THAN 15 MILES PER HOUR IF PERMANENT
11 SIGNS DESIGNATING THE SCHOOL ZONE AND THE SPEED LIMIT IN THE
12 SCHOOL ZONE ARE POSTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SCHOOL
13 SUPERINTENDENT. SIGNS SHALL CONFORM TO THE MICHIGAN MANUAL OF
14 UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

15 (6) ~~(5)~~ Notwithstanding the ~~25 mile per hour~~ prima facie
16 speed limit established by subsection (2), the prima facie speed
17 limit for any street in a school zone which has sidewalks along
18 at least 1 side of the street, which shall be in force during the
19 same periods IN which a ~~25 mile per hour~~ speed limit provided
20 by subsection (2) would otherwise be effective, shall be set at
21 the limit requested by the superintendent of schools with juris-
22 diction over the school within the school zone. ~~, but this limit~~
23 ~~shall neither be more than 15 miles per hour below the regularly~~
24 ~~posted speed limit for that street nor less than 25 miles per~~
25 ~~hour.~~ Permanent signs designating the school zone and the speed
26 limit in the school zone shall be posted. These signs shall

1 conform to the Michigan manual of uniform traffic control
2 devices.