

1 **School Zone Speeding Amendments**

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carol S. Moss

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2 **LONG TITLE**

3 **General Description:**

4 This bill addresses penalties for speeding in a school zone.

5 **Highlighted Provisions:**

6 This bill:

- 7 ▶ addresses compensatory service for speeding in a school zone; and
- 8 ▶ makes technical changes.

9 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

10 None

11 **Other Special Clauses:**

12 None

13 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

14 AMENDS:

15 **41-6a-604**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2024, Chapter 346

16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

17 Section 1. Section **41-6a-604** is amended to read:

18 **41-6a-604 . Maximum speed in a school zone -- Penalty -- Minimum fines --**

19 **Compensatory service -- Waiver -- Recordkeeping.**

20 (1) [~~A person~~] An individual may not operate a vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per
21 hour in a reduced speed school zone as defined in Section 41-6a-303.

22 (2)(a) A violation of Subsection (1) is a class C misdemeanor and the minimum fine:

23 (i) for a first offense shall be calculated according to the following schedule:

| 24 Vehicle Speed | 25 Minimum Fine |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 26 21 - 29 MPH | \$ 260 |
| 27 30 - 39 MPH | \$ 420 |
| 28 40 MPH and greater | \$ 760 |

30 (ii) for a second and subsequent offense within three years of a previous conviction
 31 or bail forfeiture shall be calculated according to the following schedule:

| Vehicle Speed | Minimum Fine |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 21 - 29 MPH | \$ 320 |
| 30 - 39 MPH | \$ 560 |
| 40 MPH and greater | \$ 960 |

36 (b)(i) ~~[Except as provided under Subsection (2)(a)(ii), the court may order the person]~~

37 The court may order an individual who is subject to a fine under Subsection
 38 (1)(b)(i) for an offense with a vehicle speed above 20 miles per hour to perform
 39 compensatory service in lieu of the fine or any portion of the fine.

40 (ii) The court ~~[shall]~~ may order [the person] an individual to perform compensatory
 41 service observing a crossing guard if the conviction is for[-a]:

42 (A) a first offense with a vehicle speed of [30] 35 miles per hour or more; or

43 (B) ~~[second and subsequent offense within three years of a previous conviction or~~
 44 ~~bail forfeiture.] a second or subsequent offense if the individual has a prior~~
 45 conviction or bail forfeiture within three years before the conviction for which
 46 the court is sentencing the individual.

47 (iii) The court may waive the compensatory service required under Subsection
 48 (2)(b)(ii) if the court makes the reasons for the waiver part of the record.

49 (3) The Driver License Division shall develop and implement a record system to
 50 distinguish:

51 (a) a conviction or bail forfeiture under this section from other convictions; and

52 (b) between a first and subsequent conviction or bail forfeiture under this section.

53 (4) The provisions of this section take precedence over the provisions of Sections 41-6a-601,
 54 41-6a-602, 41-6a-603, and 76-3-301.

55 **Section 2. Effective Date.**

56 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.