

Carol S. Moss proposes the following substitute bill:

School Zone Speeding Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carol S. Moss

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses penalties for speeding in a school zone.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

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

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

Compensatory service -- Waiver -- Recordkeeping.

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

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

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

Vehicle Speed	Minimum Fine
21 - 29 MPH	\$ 260
30 - 39 MPH	\$ 420

29	40 MPH and greater	\$ 760
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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:

32	Vehicle Speed	Minimum Fine
33	21 - 29 MPH	\$ 320
34	30 - 39 MPH	\$ 560
35	40 MPH and greater	\$ 960

36 ~~[(b)(i) Except as provided under Subsection (2)(a)(ii), the court may order the person
 37 to perform compensatory service in lieu of the fine or any portion of the fine.]~~

38 ~~[(ii) The court shall order the person to perform compensatory service observing a
 39 crossing guard if the conviction is for a:]~~

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

41 ~~[(B) second and subsequent offense within three years of a previous conviction or
 42 bail forfeiture.]~~

43 ~~[(iii) The court may waive the compensatory service required under Subsection
 44 (2)(b)(ii) if the court makes the reasons for the waiver part of the record.]~~

45 (b) In addition to any other sentence that a court may impose, a court may order an
 46 individual who is subject to a fine under Subsection (2)(a) to perform compensatory
 47 service observing a crossing guard if:

48 (i) the court has coordinated with a local school and an applicable law enforcement
 49 agency; and

50 (ii) the offense on which the conviction is based is:

51 (A) a first offense with a vehicle speed of 35 miles per hour or more; or

52 (B) a second or subsequent offense if the individual has a prior conviction within
 53 three years before the conviction for which the court is sentencing the
 54 individual.

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

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

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

59 (4) The provisions of this section take precedence over the provisions of Sections 41-6a-601,
 60 41-6a-602, 41-6a-603, and 76-3-301.

61 Section 2. **Effective Date.**

62 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.