

HOUSE BILL NO. 4932

September 10, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Warren, Sabo, Gay-Dagnogo, Ellison, Peterson, Inman, Sowerby, Pagan, Cynthia Johnson, Lasinski, Love, Rabhi, Stone, Hood, Vaupel, Leutheuser, Mueller and Kahle and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 627a (MCL 257.627a), as amended by 2016 PA 446.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 627a. (1) As used in this section:
2 (a) "Regularly scheduled school session" means that part of a
3 day scheduled for student instruction until final dismissal of the
4 student body for that day.
5 (b) "School" means an educational institution operated by a
6 local school district or by a private, denominational, or parochial



1 organization. School does not include ~~either of the following:~~

2 ~~(i) An **an** educational institution that the department of~~
3 ~~education determines has its entire student population in residence~~
4 ~~at the institution.~~

5 ~~(ii) An educational institution to which all students are~~
6 ~~transported in motor vehicles.~~

7 (c) "School zone" means school property on which a school
8 building is located and the adjacent property. A school zone
9 extends not more than 1,000 feet from the school property line in
10 any direction. If 2 or more schools occupy the same property or
11 adjacent properties, 1 of the following applies, as applicable:

12 (i) If the hours of instruction at the schools are the same,
13 then a single combined school zone ~~shall~~**must** be established.

14 (ii) If the hours of instruction at the schools are different,
15 overlapping school zones ~~shall~~**must** be established.

16 (2) A school zone speed limit on a highway segment in a school
17 zone, which, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, ~~shall~~
18 **must** be in force not more than 30 minutes before the first
19 regularly scheduled school session, rounded to the nearest multiple
20 of 5 minutes, until school commences, and from dismissal until not
21 more than 30 minutes after the last regularly scheduled school
22 session, rounded to the nearest multiple of 5 minutes, may be
23 decreased by not more than 20 miles per hour less than the speed
24 limit normally posted but ~~shall~~**must** be not less than 25 miles per
25 hour. A school superintendent may begin the 30-minute period before
26 the first regularly scheduled school session described in this
27 subsection at a time that is less than 30 minutes before the first
28 regularly scheduled school session and that extends beyond the time
29 school commences, may begin the 30-minute period after dismissal at



1 a time other than dismissal, and, if a school has an off-campus
 2 lunch period, may designate the period provided for off-campus
 3 lunch as a period during which the school zone speed limit
 4 described in this subsection applies.

5 (3) School zone speed limits ~~shall-do~~ not apply to a limited
 6 access highway or a highway segment over which a pedestrian
 7 overhead walkway is erected, if the walkway is adjacent to school
 8 property.

9 (4) Notwithstanding the requirements for a school zone as
 10 defined in subsection (1)(c), if a school is located in an area
 11 that requires school children to cross a state trunk line highway
 12 or county highway that has a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or
 13 more to attend that school, the school superintendent may submit a
 14 request to the state transportation commission, county road
 15 commission, or local authority having jurisdiction over the
 16 roadway, as applicable, for a school crossing as permitted under
 17 section 613a. If, based on the traffic engineering studies, the
 18 road authority determines the need for a lower speed limit, the
 19 road authority may designate the crossing as a school zone. Before
 20 submitting a request, the school superintendent shall have
 21 completed a school route plan as prescribed by section ~~7A-1-7A.01~~
 22 of the Michigan manual ~~of-on~~ uniform traffic control devices.

23 (5) If a school is in session year-round, a sign reading "All
 24 Year School" shall be posted on the same signpost as and
 25 immediately below the school zone sign.

26 (6) Louvered signs, digital message signs, and flashing lights
 27 may be installed to supplement or replace permanent signs required
 28 under this section. Signs erected and maintained as required under
 29 this section ~~shall-must~~ conform to the Michigan manual on uniform



1 traffic control devices.

2 (7) A person who violates a speed limit established under this
3 section is responsible for a civil infraction.

4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
5 after the date it is enacted into law.

