
HOUSE BILL No. 2843

By Representative Wilson
(By request)

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10 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning maximum speed limits for school
11 buses; amending K.S.A. 8-1558 and repealing the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1558 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
15 1558. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) and except when
16 a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with
17 K.S.A. 8-1557, and amendments thereto, the limits specified in this sub-
18 section or established as authorized by law shall be maximum lawful
19 speeds, and no person shall operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of such
20 maximum limits:

21 (1) In any urban district, 30 miles per hour;

22 (2) on any separated multilane highway, as designated and posted by
23 the secretary of transportation, 70 miles per hour;

24 (3) on any county or township highway, 55 miles per hour; and

25 (4) on all other highways, 65 miles per hour.

26 ~~(b) No person shall drive a school bus to or from school, or inter-~~
27 ~~school or intraschool functions or activities, at a speed greater than 45~~
28 ~~miles per hour on any roadway having a dirt, sand or gravel surface, and~~
29 ~~in no event shall a school bus be driven to and from school, or functions~~
30 ~~or activities, in excess of 55 miles per hour, notwithstanding any maximum~~
31 ~~speed limit in excess thereof. The provisions of this subsection relating~~
32 ~~to school buses shall apply to buses used for the transportation of students~~
33 ~~enrolled in community colleges or area vocational schools, when such~~
34 ~~buses are transporting students to or from school, or functions or~~
35 ~~activities.~~

36 ~~—(c) The secretary of transportation shall not be liable for any damage~~
37 ~~or loss, asserted to have been sustained between the effective date of this~~
38 ~~act and July 1, 1996, based on a claim of failure to post any speed limit,~~
39 ~~or to erect signs or place markings in relation to any speed limit estab-~~
40 ~~lished by this act, on any highway under the secretary's jurisdiction.~~

41 ~~—(d) The maximum speed limits in this section may be altered as au-~~
42 ~~thorized in K.S.A. 8-1559 and 8-1560, and amendments thereto.~~

43 ~~(e) The speed limits established in paragraphs (2) and (4) of subsec-~~

1 ~~tion (a) shall be effective 15 days following the effective date of this act.~~
2 ~~During such interim fifteen-day period, the maximum speed limit under~~
3 ~~paragraph (2) of subsection (a) shall be 65 miles per hour and the maxi-~~
4 ~~um speed limit under paragraph (4) of subsection (a) shall be 55 miles~~
5 ~~per hour.~~

6 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1558 is hereby repealed.

7 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
8 publication in the statute book.

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