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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a reduced speed school
9 zone is established for every school in the county
10 outside the corporate limits of a municipality.

11 This bill would provide that the reduced
12 speed school zone is established for every public
13 and private school in the state.

14 Amendment 621 of the Constitution of Alabama
15 of 1901, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the
16 Official Recompilation of the Constitution of
17 Alabama of 1901, as amended, prohibits a general
18 law whose purpose or effect would be to require a
19 new or increased expenditure of local funds from
20 becoming effective with regard to a local
21 governmental entity without enactment by a 2/3 vote
22 unless: it comes within one of a number of
23 specified exceptions; it is approved by the
24 affected entity; or the Legislature appropriates
25 funds, or provides a local source of revenue, to
26 the entity for the purpose.

1 "For the purposes of this article, the following
2 words have the following meanings:

3 "(1) REDUCED SPEED SCHOOL ZONE. A designated length
4 of a road or highway extending between school zone speed limit
5 signs with or without warning lights.

6 "(2) ROAD or HIGHWAY. Any road or highway except an
7 interstate highway.

8 "(3) SCHOOL ZONE. All public or private school
9 property, including school grounds and any road or highway
10 abutting the school grounds and extending 300 feet along the
11 road or highway from the school grounds.

12 "§32-5A-182.

13 "A reduced speed school zone is established for ~~any~~
14 every school in ~~the a county outside the corporate limits of a~~
15 or municipality, including schools along state-maintained
16 roads or highways.

17 "(1) At an appropriate distance before reaching a
18 reduced speed school zone, an appropriate sign or signs shall
19 be erected warning of the approaching reduced speed school
20 zone.

21 "(2) A sign or signs at the end of the school zone
22 shall designate where the motor vehicle may resume the regular
23 speed limits.

24 "(3) All signs and signing locations shall be in
25 accordance with the rules contained in the current Manual of
26 Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

27 "§32-5A-183.

1 "(a) Signs on a reduced speed school zone located on
2 a county-maintained road shall be placed and maintained by the
3 county commission.

4 "(b) Signs on a reduced speed school zone located on
5 a municipality-maintained road shall be placed and maintained
6 by the municipality.

7 "~~(b)~~ (c) Signs on a reduced speed school zone
8 located on a state-maintained road or highway within a county
9 shall be placed and maintained by the State Department of
10 Transportation."

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.