

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 9, 2004

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated~~ <—
2 ~~Statutes, providing for speed cameras in first class cities.~~
3 PROVIDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A <—
4 STUDY ON SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 ~~Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated~~ <—
8 ~~Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:~~

9 ~~§ 6130. Speed cameras.~~

10 ~~(a) Installation of speed cameras. The department shall~~
11 ~~install speed cameras in all 15 m.p.h. school zones in first~~
12 ~~class cities, including zones located at high schools.~~

13 ~~(b) Disposition of fines. All fines collected through use~~
14 ~~of speed cameras shall be deposited into a fund established in~~
15 ~~the General Fund and used for payment of school crossing guards~~
16 ~~at all elementary schools in first class cities.~~

17 ~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 THIS ACT SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE SCHOOL ZONE
3 SAFETY STUDY ACT.

4 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

5 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ACT SHALL
6 HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION UNLESS THE
7 CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

8 "DEPARTMENT." THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE
9 COMMONWEALTH.

10 "SCHOOL ZONE." THE SECTION OF A HIGHWAY THAT IS LOCATED IN
11 THE VICINITY OF A SCHOOL WHERE SCHOOL CHILDREN, SCHOOL TRAFFIC
12 OR THEIR ACTIVITIES MAY AFFECT THE TRAFFIC ON THE HIGHWAY, AS
13 PROVIDED FOR IN 75 PA.C.S. § 3365(B) (RELATING TO SPECIAL SPEED
14 LIMITATIONS).

15 SECTION 3. SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY STUDY.

16 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY OF SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY.
17 THE STUDY SHALL CONSIDER:

18 (1) WHETHER CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN THE DESIGN,
19 PLACEMENT OR HOURS OF OPERATION OF THE TRAFFIC-CONTROL
20 DEVICES THAT INDICATE THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF THE SCHOOL
21 ZONE.

22 (2) WHETHER CURRENTLY INSTALLED TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES
23 ARE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND NOT BLOCKED BY FOLIAGE OR OTHER
24 OBSTRUCTIONS.

25 (3) WHETHER AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS SHOULD BE USED
26 TO ENHANCE SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY.

27 (4) WHETHER SPECIFIC STATE FUNDING SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO
28 ENSURE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS ARE UTILIZED AT ALL ELEMENTARY
29 SCHOOLS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

30 (5) WHETHER OTHER CHANGES ARE NECESSARY IN SCHOOL ZONES

1 TO PROMOTE THE SAFETY OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND SCHOOL
2 EMPLOYEES.

3 (6) WHETHER CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE BY LEGISLATION OR IN
4 REGULATIONS THAT WOULD RESULT IN SAFER SCHOOL ZONES.

5 SECTION 4. COOPERATION OF OTHER AGENCIES.

6 THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND
7 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT BY
8 PROVIDING ANY INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS FOR THE
9 STUDY CONDUCTED UNDER THIS ACT.

10 SECTION 5. REPORT.

11 WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE
12 DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE
13 SENATE AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES ON THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY CONDUCTED UNDER THIS
15 ACT. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
16 A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTING THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE
17 REPORT SHALL INCLUDE ANY LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING
18 FROM THE STUDY.

19 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

20 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.