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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members and Legislative Assistants

FROM: Representative John Hornaman

DATE: May 4, 2012

SUBJECT: Legislation Increasing the Penalties for Speeding in a School Zone, Careless Driving, and Overtaking a School Bus

In the near future, I intend to introduce a comprehensive piece of legislation addressing transportation child safety. This legislation would increase the penalties for speeding in school zones, increase the fine for a person convicted of careless driving which results in the unintentional death of another person, and increase the penalty for overtaking a school bus loading or unloading children.

Currently Title 75 § 3365 states that a fine of \$35 shall be assessed for traveling above 15 miles per hour in a school zone and an additional \$2 for every mile per hour above 20 miles per hour. If the driver is over 26 miles per hour in a school zone the driver may be fined up to \$500 and receive 3 points on their driving record. My legislation would simplify and increase the penalties for speeding in a school zone. This legislation would make the fine for traveling between 16 and 20 miles per hour in a school zone a \$75 fine and 3 points on the driver's record. Traveling between 21 and 26 miles per hour would be a \$125 fine and 3 points on the driver's record. Traveling over 26 miles per hour in a school zone would trigger a fine from \$126 to \$500 and 3 points on the driver's record.

Secondly, my legislation would increase the fine for a person convicted of careless driving which causes serious bodily harm to another person from \$250 to \$500 and the unintentional death of another person from \$500 to \$1,000.

Lastly, this legislation would increase the fine for overtaking a school bus loading and unloading children from \$250 to \$500.

Please join me in supporting this much needed increase in the penalties for careless driving, school zone speeding, and overtaking a school bus. Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation please contact Carla Walker in my office at 717-772-2297 or e-mail at cwalker@pahouse.net.