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Short Title: Speeding on School Grounds.

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1 AN ACT TO MAKE SPEEDING IN EXCESS OF THE POSTED SPEED ON SCHOOL  
2 GROUNDS AN INFRACTION AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR  
3 SPEEDING IN A SCHOOL ZONE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 20-141 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(e1) Local authorities may authorize, by ordinance, lower speed limits than those  
7 set in subsection (b) of this section on school property. If the lower speed limit is being  
8 set on the grounds of a public school, the local school administrative unit must request or  
9 consent to the lower speed limit. If the lower speed limit is being set on the grounds of a  
10 private school, the governing body of the school must request or consent to the lower  
11 speed limit. Speed limits established pursuant to this subsection may not exceed 15 miles  
12 per hour and shall be effective when appropriate signs giving notice of the speed limit are  
13 erected upon affected property."

14 Section 1.1. G.S. 20-141.1 reads as rewritten:

15 "**§ 20-141.1. Speed limits in school zones.**

16 The Board of Transportation or local authorities within their respective jurisdictions  
17 may, by ordinance, set speed limits lower than those designated in G.S. 20-141 for areas

1 adjacent to or near a public, private or parochial school. Limits set pursuant to this  
2 section shall become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the school zone,  
3 the authorized speed limit, and the days and hours when the lower limit is effective, or by  
4 erecting signs giving notice of the school zone, the authorized speed limit and which  
5 indicate the days and hours the lower limit is effective by an electronic flasher operated  
6 with a time clock. Limits set pursuant to this section may be enforced only on days when  
7 school is in session, and no speed limit below 20 miles per hour may be set under the  
8 authority of this section. A person who drives a motor vehicle in a school zone at a speed  
9 greater than the speed limit set and posted under this section is responsible for an  
10 infraction and is required to pay a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)."

11 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.