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HOUSE BILL 26-1318

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House Committees

Transportation, Housing & Local Government

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING TRAFFIC SAFETY NEAR SCHOOLS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill defines "school zones" as all roadways within at least 1,000 feet of a school property boundary and adds and modifies additional corresponding definitions. The bill limits requirements the state, a county, a city and county, or a municipality must complete regarding placing and using an automated vehicle identification system along a safe route to school.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-615, **amend** (2)
3 as follows:

4 **42-4-615. School zones - increase in penalties for moving**
5 **traffic violations.**

6 (2) ~~For the purposes of AS USED IN this section, "school zone"~~
7 ~~means an area that is designated as a school zone and has ALL ROADWAYS~~
8 ~~WITHIN AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND FEET OF A SCHOOL PROPERTY~~
9 ~~BOUNDARY. A SCHOOL ZONE MUST HAVE appropriate signs posted~~
10 ~~indicating THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL ZONE AND INDICATING that~~
11 ~~the penalties and surcharges WITHIN A SCHOOL ZONE will be doubled. The~~
12 ~~state or local government having jurisdiction over the placement of traffic~~
13 ~~signs and traffic control devices in the A school zone area shall designate~~
14 ~~when the area will be deemed to be a school zone for the purposes of this~~
15 ~~section, In making such designation, the state or local government shall~~
16 ~~consider when increased penalties are necessary to protect the safety of~~
17 ~~school children WHICH MUST INCLUDE ALL ROADWAYS WITHIN ONE~~
18 ~~THOUSAND FEET OF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY BOUNDARY AND SHALL POST~~
19 ~~THE SIGNS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.~~

20 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-110.5, **amend**
21 (1.1)(a)(II) and (2)(g)(III); and **add** (1.1)(a.5) as follows:

22 **42-4-110.5. Automated vehicle identification systems - school**
23 **buses - safe route to school - exceptions to liability - penalty -**
24 **contracting - limits on use of photographs and video - rules -**
25 **legislative declaration - definitions.**

26 (1.1) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
27 requires:

1 (a) (II) "Automated vehicle identification system" includes a
2 system used to detect a violation of part 11 of this article 4 or a local
3 speed ordinance; a system used to detect violations of traffic restrictions
4 imposed by traffic signals or traffic signs; a system used to detect the
5 overtaking of a stopped school bus with actuated visual signal lights in
6 violation of section 42-4-1903 (1)(a); A SYSTEM USED TO DETECT A
7 MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATION IN A SCHOOL ZONE OR ALONG A SAFE ROUTE
8 TO SCHOOL; and a system used to detect violations of bus lane or bicycle
9 lane restrictions.

10 (a.5) "SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL" MEANS A ROADWAY THAT IS
11 FREQUENTED BY PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS ON THEIR WAY TO OR FROM
12 A NEARBY SCHOOL THAT A COUNTY, A CITY AND COUNTY, OR A
13 MUNICIPALITY DESIGNATES TO INCREASE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST
14 SAFETY.

15 (2) A county, city and county, or municipality may adopt an
16 ordinance authorizing the use of an automated vehicle identification
17 system to detect violations of traffic regulations adopted by the county,
18 city and county, or municipality, or the state, a county, a city and county,
19 or a municipality may utilize an automated vehicle identification system
20 to detect traffic violations under state law, subject to the following
21 conditions and limitations and, as applicable, the requirements for state
22 highways set forth in and any rules adopted by the department of
23 transportation pursuant to subsection (2.5) of this section:

24 (g) (III) This subsection (2)(g) does not apply to an automated
25 vehicle identification system designed to detect disobedience to a traffic
26 control signal, or the overtaking of a school bus with actuated visual
27 signal lights, OR A MOVING VIOLATION ALONG A SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL.

1 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
4 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.