

HOUSE BILL No. 2687

By Representative Knox

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9 AN ACT regulating traffic; establishing maximum speed limits in rural
10 school zones; amending K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-1486 and 8-1558 and
11 repealing the existing sections.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 New Section 1. "Rural school zone" means that portion of highway
15 located outside of any city which provides entrances and exits to any
16 school located adjacent to such highway.

17 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-1486 is hereby amended to read as fol-
18 lows: 8-1486. K.S.A. 8-1402a, 8-1414a, 8-1439c, 8-1458a, 8-1459a, 8-
19 1475a, 8-1487, 8-1488, 8-1489 and 8-1490 and amendments thereto, and
20 K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-1491, and amendments thereto, *and section 1, and*
21 *amendments thereto*, shall be a part of, and supplemental to, the uniform
22 act regulating traffic on highways.

23 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-1558 is hereby amended to read as fol-
24 lows: 8-1558. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and except when
25 a special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with
26 K.S.A. 8-1557, and amendments thereto, the limits specified in this sub-
27 section or established as authorized by law shall be maximum lawful
28 speeds, and no person shall operate a vehicle at a speed in excess of such
29 maximum limits:

- 30 (1) In any urban district, 30 miles per hour;
31 (2) on any separated multilane highway, as designated and posted by
32 the secretary of transportation, 70 miles per hour;
33 (3) on any county or township highway, 55 miles per hour; ~~and~~
34 (4) on all other highways, 65 miles per hour; *and*
35 (5) *in any rural school zone, 45 miles per hour.*

36 (b) No person shall drive a school bus to or from school, or inter-
37 school or intraschool functions or activities, at a speed in excess of the
38 maximum speed limits provided in subsection (a), except that the board
39 of education of any school district may establish by board policy lower
40 maximum speed limits for the operation of such district's school buses.
41 The provisions of this subsection relating to school buses shall apply to
42 buses used for the transportation of students enrolled in community col-
43 leges or area vocational schools, when such buses are transporting stu-

1 dents to or from school, or functions or activities.

2 (c) The maximum speed limits in this section may be altered as au-
3 thorized in K.S.A. 8-1559 and 8-1560, and amendments thereto.

4 (d) *Rural school zones shall be marked with appropriate warning*
5 *signs by the secretary of transportation. Rural school zones shall begin*
6 *and end at least 1/4 mile from the main entrance from the highway to the*
7 *school. The rural school zone speed limit shall be effective upon the erec-*
8 *tion of appropriate signs designating the speed and indicating the begin-*
9 *ning and end of the reduced speed zone. The reduced speed limit shall*
10 *apply only when school is in session.*

11 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 8-1486 and 8-1558 are hereby repealed.

12 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
13 publication in the statute book.