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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Craven, Barros, Walsh, and Perez

Date Introduced: March 15, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-21-37. Enhanced school traffic safety.**

4 (a) In addition to any federally mandated signage required pursuant to the Manual on
5 Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) to be used on roadways in school areas, any school
6 zone, located in the city of Providence, which for purposes of this section is defined as any area
7 within a one-quarter (1/4) mile radius of any type of school in the city of Providence, shall
8 include within one hundred feet (100') of the school zone permanent signage which shall:

9 (1) Conform to the manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for "speed light sign
10 beacons" and shall consist of one or more signal sections of a standard traffic control signal face,
11 with a flashing circular yellow signal indication in each signal section; and

12 (2) Remain flashing and operational during school hours or during the times that any
13 automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system pursuant to chapter 41.3 of title 31 is
14 operational.

15 (b) The commissioner of elementary and secondary education in consultation with the
16 director of the department of transportation may determine additional locations to be subject to
17 this section upon a determination that the enhanced school traffic safety measures are necessary
18 to provide adequate safety and notice of a school zone.

19 SECTION 2. Section 31-41.3-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-41.3 entitled

1 "Automated School-Zone-Speed-Enforcement System Act of 2016" is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **31-41.3-4. Automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system operational**
4 **requirements and certification.**

5 No automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system shall be used in the state of Rhode
6 Island unless the system has been approved and certified for use in the state by the director of the
7 department of transportation. The director of the department of transportation, in cooperation with
8 the state police, shall require that any automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system
9 approved and certified for use in the state of Rhode Island meets the following requirements:

10 (1) All automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems operated under this chapter
11 shall record the speed of vehicles within plus or minus one mile per hour of the actual speed.

12 (2) All automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems operated under this chapter
13 shall record at least two (2) photographic images of the vehicle exceeding the speed limit, one of
14 which shall include the license plate attached to the rear of the vehicle.

15 (3) All automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems operated under this chapter
16 shall, at the time of violation, imprint upon the photographic images of vehicles exceeding the
17 speed limit:

18 (i) The date and time of the violation; and

19 (ii) The identity of the street, or school zone being monitored, and location upon that
20 street, or within that school zone, including the direction of travel and lane of travel; this
21 requirement may be met with code designations; and

22 (iii) The posted or lawfully designated speed limit for the street or school zone being
23 monitored; and

24 (iv) The monitored speed of the vehicle identified in the photographic images as
25 exceeding the posted or lawfully designated school zone speed limit; and

26 (v) The consecutive event number of each photograph taken.

27 (4) At least one hundred feet (100') prior to entering an automated school-zone area
28 where a speed-enforcement system is being operated, signs shall be erected warning motorists
29 that they will be entering an area monitored by an automated speed-zone-enforcement system and
30 that violators of speed limitations may be prosecuted. Provided further, signs required pursuant to
31 this section shall be operational during school hours or wherever school-zone-speed-enforcement
32 systems are operational and shall comply with the standards established pursuant to the Manual
33 on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) for "speed light sign beacons"; and provided
34 further, shall consist of one or more signal sections of a standard traffic control signal face, with a

1 [flashing circular yellow signal indication in each signal section.](#)

2 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require "speed limit sign beacons" to be installed one hundred feet (100')
2 from any school zone in the city of Providence or wherever there is an automated school-zone-
3 speed-enforcement system and would further allow their installation statewide if necessary.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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