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SUMMARY

- Authorizes the creation of a school zone around any preschool operated by an educational service center that is located on a street or highway with a speed limit of 45 m.p.h. or more.
- As a result, prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle faster than 20 m.p.h. in the school zone during recess or when children are going to or leaving the preschool during opening or closing hours.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Preschool school zones

The bill authorizes the designation of a school zone¹ around a preschool that is:

1. Operated by an educational service center (which is an entity that contracts with a school district to provide preschool services); and
2. Located on a street or highway with a speed limit of 45 m.p.h. or more.

Thus, a person driving a motor vehicle **may not operate the motor vehicle at a speed that exceeds 20 m.p.h.** in the school zone during school recess or when children are going to or leaving school during opening or closing hours. The Director of Transportation is charged with designating school zones when requested by local authorities.²

¹ A school zone is the portion of a street or highway that passes and is in front of a school; R.C. 4511.21(B)(1)(c).

² R.C. 4511.21(B).

Generally, speeding in a school zone is a minor misdemeanor, but the penalty may be enhanced as follows:

- If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to two speeding violations, a fourth degree misdemeanor;
- If, within one year of the offense, the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more speeding violations, a third degree misdemeanor;
- If an offender has not previously been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a violation of the speed limit law and operated a motor vehicle faster than 35 m.p.h. in a school zone (during recess or while children are going to or leaving school during the school's opening or closing hours), a fourth degree misdemeanor.³

HISTORY

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³ R.C. 4511.21(P).