

MAKING NEVADA SAFER

HIGHER FINES IN SCHOOL ZONES

Nevada Advisory Committee on Traffic Safety
Policy Priority



Current Situation:

Speeding and aggressive driving are increasing and endangering our kids.

- » Speed-related crashes are responsible for approximately 9,500 fatalities each year.¹
- » Over one-third of the traffic fatalities in Nevada are related to speed and/or aggressive driving.
- » Nevada currently has school zone laws related to speed, but higher fines for speeding in school zones is not specified.

Recommended Solution:

Modify legislation to increase fines for speeding in school zones.

- » Legislating higher fines for speeding in school zones and at crossings will save lives on Nevada's roadways.
- » Specifying higher fines for speeding in school zones is expected to increase the number of speeding citations issued in school zones and the number of citations upheld in the court system.



National Trends in School Zone Laws

There are many different ways states address speeding fines in school zones or at school crossing zones. Most states allow fines of double or more for speeding in a school zone or at a school crossing zone. For example, a standard speeding ticket in North Carolina ranges between \$10 and \$50, but a school zone speeding ticket is \$250. Similarly, a school zone speeding ticket in Virginia is \$250. However, several states who have added safety camera enforcement in school zones have lower fines for speeding. For example, the highest fine in a school zone with added safety camera enforcement in Maryland is \$40. In Washington state, the fine is about \$240, but is capped much lower if issued through a safety camera.

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Proposed Policy Recommendations for Higher Fines in School Zones:

- 1 Change NRS 484B.363 to increase speeding fines in school zones and at school crossing zones.
- 2 Amend NRS 484B.367 to include clear designations on higher speeding fines in school zones and at school crossing zones.

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