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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-797, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL CROSSINGS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-797, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-797. School crossings: civil penalty: assessment: definition

5 A. The director, with respect to state highways, or the officer, board
6 or commission of the appropriate jurisdiction, with respect to county
7 highways or city or town streets, by and with the advice of the school
8 district governing board or county school superintendent may mark or cause to
9 be marked by the department or local authorities crosswalks in front of each
10 school building or school grounds abutting the crosswalks where children are
11 required to cross the highway or street.

12 B. The department or local authorities may approve additional
13 crossings across highways not abutting on school grounds on application of
14 school authorities and with written satisfactory assurance given the
15 department or local authorities that guards will be maintained by the school
16 district at the crossings to enforce the proper use of the crossing by school
17 children.

18 C. The manual prescribed in section 28-641 shall provide for yellow
19 marking of the school crossing, yellow marking of the center line of the
20 roadway and the erection of portable signs indicating that vehicles must stop
21 when persons are in the crossing. The manual shall also provide the type and
22 wording of portable signs indicating that school is in session and permanent
23 signs that warn of the approach to school crossings.

24 D. When the school crossings are established, school authorities shall
25 place within the highway the portable signs indicating that school is in
26 session. This placement shall be not more than three hundred feet from each
27 side of the school crossing. In addition, portable "stop when children are
28 in crosswalk" signs shall be placed at school crossings. School authorities
29 shall maintain these signs when school is in session and shall cause them to
30 be removed immediately when school is not in session.

31 E. A vehicle approaching the crosswalk shall not proceed at a speed of
32 more than fifteen miles per hour between the portable signs placed on the
33 highway indicating "school in session" and "stop when children are in
34 crosswalk".

35 F. Notwithstanding any other law:

36 1. An agency of appropriate jurisdiction may establish a school
37 crossing on an unpaved highway or street adjacent to a school when the agency
38 determines the need for the school crossing on the basis of a traffic
39 study. School crossings on unpaved highways and streets shall be marked by
40 the use of signs as prescribed in the manual prescribed in section 28-641.

41 2. A local authority may establish a school crossing at an
42 intersection containing a traffic control signal if the local authority
43 determines the need for a school crossing on the basis of a traffic study.

1 G. When a school authority places and maintains the required portable
2 "school in session" signs and "stop when children are in crosswalk" signs,
3 all vehicles shall come to a complete stop at the school crossing when the
4 crosswalk is occupied by a person.

5 H. IF A PERSON IS FOUND RESPONSIBLE FOR A CIVIL TRAFFIC VIOLATION IN A
6 SCHOOL CROSSING, THE PERSON IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION
7 AND, IF THE VIOLATION OCCURS DURING SCHOOL HOURS OR WHILE CHILDREN ARE GOING
8 TO OR LEAVING SCHOOL DURING OPENING OR CLOSING HOURS, THE PERSON SHALL PAY AN
9 ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THAT CIVIL PENALTY.

10 ~~H.~~ I. For the purposes of this section, "school in session", when
11 used either in reference to the period of time or to signs, means during
12 school hours or while children are going to or leaving school during opening
13 or closing hours.