

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-873 of the Code of Virginia, relating to maximum speed limits at*  
3 *school crossings.*

4 [H 522]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-873 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 46.2-873. Maximum speed limits at school crossings.

9 The maximum speed limit shall be twenty-five miles per hour between portable signs, tilt-over signs,  
10 or fixed blinking signs placed in or along any highway and bearing the word "school" or "school  
11 crossing." Any signs erected under this section shall be placed not more than 600 feet from the limits of  
12 the school property or crossing in the vicinity of the school. However, "school crossing" signs may be  
13 placed in any location if the Department of Transportation or the council of the city or town or the  
14 board of supervisors of a county maintaining its own system of secondary roads approves the crossing  
15 for such signs. If the portion of the highway to be posted is within the limits of a city or town, such  
16 portable signs shall be furnished and delivered by such city or town. If the portion of highway to be  
17 posted is outside the limits of a city or town, such portable signs shall be furnished and delivered by the  
18 Department of Transportation. The principal or chief administrative officer of each school or a school  
19 board designee, preferably not a classroom teacher, shall place such portable signs in the highway at a  
20 point not more than 600 feet from the limits of the school property and remove such signs when their  
21 presence is no longer required by this section. Such portable signs, tilt-over signs, or fixed blinking  
22 signs shall be placed in a position plainly visible to vehicular traffic approaching from either direction,  
23 but shall not be placed so as to obstruct the roadway. Such portable signs, tilt-over signs, or blinking  
24 signs shall be in a position, or be turned on, for thirty minutes preceding regular school hours, for thirty  
25 minutes thereafter, and during such other times as the presence of children on such school property or  
26 going to and from school reasonably requires a special warning to motorists. The governing body of any  
27 county, city, or town may, however, decrease the period of time preceding and following regular school  
28 hours during which such portable signs, tilt-over signs, or blinking signs shall be in position or lit if it  
29 determines that no children will be going to or from school during the period of time that it subtracts  
30 from the thirty-minute period. The governing body of any city or town may, if the portion of the  
31 highway to be posted is within the limits of such city or town, increase or decrease the speed limit  
32 provided in this section only after justification for such increase or decrease has been shown by an  
33 engineering and traffic investigation, and no such increase or decrease in speed limit shall be effective  
34 unless such increased or decreased speed limit is conspicuously posted on the portable signs, tilt-over  
35 signs, or fixed blinking signs required by this section.

36 *Any city having a population of 390,000 or more may establish school zones as provided in this*  
37 *section and mark such zones with flashing warning lights as provided in this section on and along all*  
38 *highways adjacent to Route 58.*

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