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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
121ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 19, L.D. 12, Bill, "An Act to Enhance School Zone Safety"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§64-B, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 145, §2, is amended to read:

64-B. School zone. "School zone" means the portion of the public highway abutting improved school property or 300 feet on either side of a school entrance, whichever is greater, or as designated under section 2075, subsection 3, paragraph F.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2075, sub-§3, ¶D, as amended by PL 2001, c. 313, §1, is further amended to read:

D. With the approval of the Department of Transportation and the Chief of the State Police, increase or decrease the speed limit on through ways by erecting standard signs giving notice of the speed limit in accordance with the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices published by the Federal Highway Administration; and

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2075, sub-§3, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 313, §1, is amended by amending the last blocked paragraph to read:

The Department of Transportation may require a municipality

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2 with a population of 5,000 or more as measured by the latest
3 decennial United States census that has not provided written
4 notice to the department that the municipality will set
5 speed limits in accordance with this paragraph to provide
6 the department with all data necessary to set such speed
7 limits. The nature, extent and form of that data must be
8 acceptable to the department and may include, without
9 limitation, the reason for the request, length and location
10 of the proposed speed zone, road width, number of driveways
11 in that zone, traffic volume, posted speed, prevailing speed
12 as measured by radar, accident history and speed enforcement
13 efforts; and

14 **Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §2075, sub-§3, ¶F** is enacted to read:

16 F. With the approval of the Department of Transportation
17 and the Chief of the State Police, and in accordance with
18 the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control
19 Devices published by the Federal Highway Administration,
20 designate a school zone to which the speed limits in section
21 2074, subsection 1, paragraph A apply.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the bill. It allows a municipality to designate a school zone other than the zone currently defined in law.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

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Fiscal Note for Original Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases the number of traffic infractions and class E crimes