

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly finds that laws  
3 protecting school-age children with legislation limiting speed  
4 limits near schools has successfully protected Illinois  
5 children for decades, and a considerable number of recreational  
6 facilities in Illinois often border or are in close proximity  
7 to educational facilities and do not have the same protections  
8 afforded to educational facilities; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly finds that ensuring  
10 Safe Streets near educational and recreational facilities is a  
11 goal requiring the full attention of this General Assembly and  
12 the full cooperation of the federal, State, and local units of  
13 government and their respective executive departments and  
14 agencies; therefore

15 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
16 **represented in the General Assembly:**

17 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding  
18 Section 11-605.3 as follows:

19 (625 ILCS 5/11-605.3 new)

20 Sec. 11-605.3. Special traffic protections while passing  
21 parks and recreation facilities and areas.

22 (a) As used in this Section:

23 (1) "Park district" means the following entities:

24 (A) any park district organized under the Park  
25 District Code;

26 (B) any park district organized under the Chicago  
27 Park District Act; and

28 (C) any municipality, county, forest district,  
29 school district, township, or other unit of local  
30 government that operates a public recreation

1 department or public recreation facilities that has  
2 recreation facilities that are not on land owned by any  
3 park district listed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
4 this subdivision (a) (1).

5 (2) "Park zone" means the recreation facilities and  
6 areas on any land owned or operated by a park district that  
7 are used for recreational purposes, including but not  
8 limited to: parks; playgrounds; swimming pools; hiking  
9 trails; bicycle paths; picnic areas; roads and streets; and  
10 parking lots.

11 (3) "Park zone street" means that portion of any street  
12 or intersection under the control of a local unit of  
13 government, adjacent to a park zone, where the local unit  
14 of government has, by ordinance or resolution, designated  
15 and approved the street or intersection as a park zone  
16 street. If, before the effective date of this amendatory  
17 Act of the 94th General Assembly, a street already had a  
18 posted speed limit lower than 20 miles per hour, then the  
19 lower limit may be used for that park zone street.

20 (4) "Safety purposes" means the costs associated with:  
21 park zone safety education; the purchase, installation,  
22 and maintenance of signs, roadway painting, and caution  
23 lights mounted on park zone signs; and any other expense  
24 associated with park zones and park zone streets.

25 (b) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet  
26 of motorized traffic, a person may not drive a motor vehicle at  
27 a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour or any lower posted  
28 speed while traveling on a park zone street that has been  
29 designated for the posted reduced speed.

30 (c) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet  
31 of motorized traffic, any driver traveling on a park zone  
32 street who fails to come to a complete stop at a stop sign or  
33 red light, including a driver who fails to come to a complete  
34 stop at a red light before turning right onto a park zone  
35 street, is in violation of this Section.

36 (d) This Section does not apply unless appropriate signs

1 are posted upon park zone streets maintained by the Department  
2 or by the unit of local government in which the park zone is  
3 located. With regard to the special speed limit on park zone  
4 streets, the signs must give proper due warning that a park  
5 zone is being approached and must indicate the maximum speed  
6 limit on the park zone street.

7 (e) A first violation of this Section is a petty offense  
8 with a minimum fine of \$250. A second or subsequent violation  
9 of this Section is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$500.

10 (f) When a fine for a violation of this Section is imposed,  
11 the person who violates this Section shall be charged an  
12 additional \$50, to be paid to the park district for safety  
13 purposes.

14 (g) The Department shall, within 6 months of the effective  
15 date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly,  
16 design a set of standardized traffic signs for park zones and  
17 park zone streets, including but not limited to: "park zone",  
18 "park zone speed limit", and "warning: approaching a park  
19 zone". The design of these signs shall be made available to all  
20 units of local government or manufacturers at no charge, except  
21 for reproduction and postage.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
23 becoming law.