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HOUSE BILL 653

Short Title: School Bus Speed to 45 mph.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ellis; Baddour, DeVane, Flaherty, and Kuczmariski.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SPEED FOR SCHOOL BUSES TO FORTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-218(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a school bus loaded with children over the highways or public vehicular areas of North Carolina at a greater rate of speed than 35-45 miles per hour, with the following exceptions: hour.

(1) For school-School activity buses which are painted a different color from regular school buses and which are being used for transportation of students or others to or from places for participation in events other than regular classroom work, it shall be unlawful to operate such a school activity bus shall not be operated at a greater rate of speed than 55 miles per hour.

(2) For school buses or special buses with a capacity of 16 pupils or less that are used to transport students who are children with special needs, it shall be unlawful to operate the buses at a greater rate of speed than 45 miles per hour.

(3) For private school buses that pick up children at a central point and deposit the children at a single school, without picking up children along the way, it shall be unlawful to operate the buses at a greater rate of speed than 45 miles per hour."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.