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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 109

Short Title: INCREASE FINE FOR SCHOOL ZONE VIOLATIONS

Summary:

- Doubles the traffic fine for speeding in a school zone clearly identified by flashing yellow lights visible from all lanes of traffic.
- Applies the double fine only when the school zone light is flashing.

Benefits:

- Protects children walking to and from school.
- Makes drivers more careful when traveling through a school zone.

Background:

- School zones can be dangerous for children. Weather conditions can reduce visibility to the point that drivers may have difficulty spotting a child walking through a school zone. SB 109 encourages drivers to stay within the speed limit and watch out for children by doubling the fine for speeding in a school zone. The increased fine only applies when the school zone warning lights are flashing. This legislation mirrors a 1998 law that doubles the fine for speeding in construction zones.