

SPONSOR STATEMENT

Senate Bill 244 Increase Fine For School Zone Violations

[Senate Bill 244](#) doubles the fine assessed for motor vehicle or traffic offenses committed in a school zone. This bill mirrors a law passed by the Alaska State Legislature in 1998, which doubled the fine for violations committed in a highway work zone. Senate Bill 244 not only elevates the seriousness of school zones violations, but also reconfirms our commitment to the safety of children.

Because of the high concentration of children walking to and from school, most often in poor visibility conditions, drivers need to be ever vigilant in a school zone. Appropriate signage will alert drivers of the double fine and will remind them to slow down and be extra cautious.

Please join me in protecting our children by endorsing and passing Senate Bill 244.