



## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

HB4265

Introduced 12/16/2005, by Rep. Sidney H. Mathias

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-605.3 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Establishes speed limits for park zones where children are present. Provides that (i) exceeding the posted speed limit while passing a park zone or in an area where children are going to or coming from a park zone or (ii) failure to come to a complete stop at a stop sign or signal, including a signal at which a right turn on red is permitted, in an area where a park zone speed limit applies, is a violation of the new provision. Provides that a violation of the new provision is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$250 for a first offense and \$500 for a second or subsequent offense. Provides that the violator shall be charged an additional \$50, to be paid to the park district for safety purposes. Provides that, within 6 months of the effective date of the new provision, the Department of Transportation shall design a set of standardized traffic signs for park zones and park zone streets, the design of which shall be made available to all units of local government or manufacturers at no charge except for reproduction and postage.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 is used for recreational purposes, or for access to those  
8 recreational areas, including but not limited to: parks;  
9 playgrounds; swimming pools; hiking trails; bicycle paths;  
10 picnic areas; roads and streets; and parking lots.

11 (3) "Park zone street" means any street or intersection  
12 under the control of a local unit of government, adjacent  
13 to or within 220 yards of a park zone, where the local unit  
14 of government has, by ordinance or resolution, designated  
15 and approved the street or intersection as part of a park  
16 zone. The designation may include a reduction in speed to  
17 20 miles per hour or it may include a street without the  
18 speed reduction. If a street already has a posted speed  
19 limit lower than 20 miles per hour, then the lower limit  
20 may be used for that park zone street.

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

26 (b) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet  
27 of motorized traffic, so that a potential hazard exists, a  
28 person may not drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 20  
29 miles per hour any lower posted speed, (i) while passing a park  
30 zone or (ii) while traveling on a park zone street that has  
31 been designated for the posted reduced speed, and where  
32 children are going to and from recreation facilities and areas  
33 located in a park zone.

34 (c) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet  
35 of motorized traffic, so that a potential hazard exists,  
36 failure to come to a complete stop at a stop sign or other

1 traffic control device, including failure to come to a complete  
2 stop before a right turn otherwise permitted at a red light, is  
3 a violation of this Section.

4 (d) Nothing in this Chapter prohibits the use of electronic  
5 speed detecting devices within 500 feet of signs within a  
6 special park zone indicating that zone. Evidence obtained  
7 through use of those devices is admissible in any prosecution  
8 for speeding or failing to stop at a traffic control device or  
9 stop sign, if the device is used only for enforcement within  
10 the special park zone or adjacent intersections.

11 (e) This Section does not apply unless appropriate signs  
12 are posted upon streets and highways maintained by the  
13 Department or by the unit of local government in which the park  
14 zone is located. With regard to the special speed limit on park  
15 zone streets, the signs must give proper due warning that a  
16 park zone is being approached and must indicate the maximum  
17 speed limit on the park zone street.

18 (f) A first violation of this Section is a petty offense  
19 with a minimum fine of \$250. A second or subsequent violation  
20 of this Section is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$500.

21 (h) When a fine for a violation of subsection (a) is \$250  
22 or greater, the person who violates this Section shall be  
23 charged an additional \$50, to be paid to the park district for  
24 safety purposes.

25 (i) The Department shall, within 6 months of the effective  
26 date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly,  
27 design a set of standardized traffic signs for park zones and  
28 park zone streets, including but not limited to: "park zone",  
29 "park zone speed limit", and "warning: approaching a park  
30 zone". The design of these signs shall be made available to all  
31 units of local government or manufacturers at no charge, except  
32 for reproduction and postage.