

By: Representative Mayo

To: Education;  
Transportation

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 653

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-41-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR DRIVING SCHOOL BUSES; AND  
3 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 37-41-47, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
6 amended as follows:

7 37-41-47. Except as otherwise provided in this section, it  
8 shall be unlawful for a driver of any school bus, whether a public  
9 or a contract bus, to drive the bus at a speed greater than \* \* \*  
10 fifty (50) miles per hour on streets and highways having less than  
11 four (4) lanes or sixty (60) miles per hour on portions of the  
12 Interstate Highway System and divided highways having four (4) or  
13 more lanes. However, if the maximum speed limit posted on any  
14 street, highway or portion of the Interstate Highway System is  
15 lower than the speed limit established for school buses under this  
16 section, the driver of a school bus may not drive the bus at a  
17 speed greater than the posted speed limit. Any person who shall  
18 violate the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a  
19 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less  
20 than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred  
21 Dollars (\$100.00) for each such offense. In addition thereto,  
22 upon such conviction, such driver may be discharged from further  
23 employment as a school bus driver or carrier, and his contract as  
24 such may be terminated.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
26 and after July 1, 2006.