

By: Representative Mayo

To: Education;  
Transportation

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 SCHOOL BUSES ON  
3 INTERSTATES AND CERTAIN HIGHWAYS WHILE ON AUTHORIZED TRIPS; AND  
4 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 37-41-47. Except as otherwise provided in this section, it  
9 shall be unlawful for a driver of any school bus, whether a public  
10 or a contract bus, to drive the bus at a speed greater than  
11 forty-five (45) miles per hour while transporting children to and  
12 from school on regular routes. \* \* \* Any such driver, while  
13 operating a school bus on other authorized trips, shall not drive  
14 the school bus at a speed greater than fifty (50) miles per hour  
15 on streets and highways having less than four (4) lanes or sixty  
16 (60) miles per hour on portions of the Interstate Highway System  
17 and divided highways having four (4) or more lanes. However, if  
18 the maximum speed limit posted on any street, highway or portion  
19 of the Interstate Highway System is lower than the speed limit  
20 established for school buses under this section, the driver of a  
21 school bus may not drive the bus at a speed greater than the  
22 posted speed limit. Any person who shall violate the provisions  
23 of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon  
24 conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than Twenty-five  
25 Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for  
26 each such offense. In addition thereto, upon such conviction,  
27 such driver may be discharged from further employment as a school  
28 bus driver or carrier, and his contract as such may be terminated.

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