

By: Representative Mayo

To: Education;  
Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 188

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 (a) Fifty (50) miles per hour on streets and highways  
11 having less than four (4) lanes; or

12 (b) Sixty (60) miles per hour on portions of the  
13 Interstate Highway System and divided highways having four (4) or  
14 more lanes.

15 However, if the maximum speed limit posted on any street, highway  
16 or portion of the Interstate Highway System is lower than the  
17 speed limit established for school buses under this section, the  
18 driver of a school bus may not drive the bus at a speed greater  
19 than the posted speed limit. Any person who shall violate the  
20 provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
21 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than Twenty-five  
22 Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for  
23 each such offense. In addition thereto, upon such conviction,  
24 such driver may be discharged from further employment as a school  
25 bus driver or carrier, and his contract as such may be terminated.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
27 and after July 1, 2007.

