

By: Representatives Denton, Harness, Ford  
(54th), Taylor, Faulkner, Brown (70th)

To: Transportation;  
Education

HOUSE BILL NO. 1176

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 37-41-47, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR THE DRIVER OF ANY SCHOOL  
3 BUS TRANSPORTING CHILDREN TO SIXTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR ON  
4 INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; AND 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 31-41-47. It shall be unlawful for a driver of any school  
9 bus, whether a public or a contract bus, to drive said bus at a  
10 speed greater than forty-five (45) miles per hour while  
11 transporting children to and from school on regular routes;  
12 however, the maximum speed for interstate highways shall be  
13 sixty-five (65) miles per hour. However, any such driver, while  
14 operating a school bus on other authorized trips, shall not drive  
15 said school bus at a speed greater than fifty (50) miles per hour,  
16 except the maximum speed for interstate highways shall be  
17 sixty-five (65) miles per hour. Any person who shall violate the  
18 provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,  
19 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than Twenty-five



20 Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for  
21 each such offense. In addition thereto, upon such conviction,  
22 such driver may be discharged from further employment as a school  
23 bus driver or carrier and his contract as such may be terminated.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
25 and after July 1, 2020.

