

By: Representative Haney

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1346

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS AND THEIR DEPUTIES TO USE RADAR SPEED
3 DETECTION DEVICES ON THE PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS FOR
4 THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING SPEED LIMITS WITHIN THE SPECIAL
5 ZONES DESIGNATED IN THE VICINITY OF SCHOOLS; TO AMEND SECTION
6 63-3-515, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THAT FUNDS FROM
7 VIOLATIONS OF THE SPECIAL ZONES DESIGNATED IN THE VICINITY OF A
8 SCHOOL SHALL BE USED BY COUNTIES FOR SCHOOL SAFETY BY FUNDING
9 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO
10 SCHOOLS OR BY FUNDING SAFETY TRAINING OF SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF;
11 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-519, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
14 amended as follows:

15 63-3-519. It * * * is unlawful for any person or peace
16 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway
17 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of
18 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or
19 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

20 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a
21 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more
22 according to the latest or a previous federal census upon the



23 public streets of the municipality, but in no case where the
24 latest federal census population for the municipality is less than
25 one thousand five hundred (1,500);

26 (b) By any college or university campus police force
27 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand
28 (2,000) students are enrolled;

29 (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any
30 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand
31 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally
32 designated highways lying within the corporate limits.

33 (d) By municipal law enforcement officers upon the
34 public streets of any incorporated municipality (i) where the
35 county seat is located in the municipality and (ii) where there is
36 a public community college located in the municipality * * *;

37 (e) By the sheriff and his deputies on any public road,
38 street or highway outside the corporate limits of a municipality
39 for the sole purpose of enforcing speed limits within the special
40 zones designated in the vicinity of schools created under Section
41 63-3-515 as long as the special zone is indicated by caution
42 blinking lights.

43 The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be immediately
44 notified by municipal law enforcement of any road blockages or
45 emergencies occurring on any federally designated limited-access
46 highways lying within the corporate limits.



47 **SECTION 2.** Section 63-3-515, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
48 amended as follows:

49 63-3-515. (1) The boards of supervisors of counties and the
50 governing authorities of municipalities are hereby authorized to
51 adopt by order or resolution and to enforce within their
52 respective territorial boundaries the maximum legal rate of speed
53 at which a motor vehicle may be run or operated along any public
54 street, road, highway (except state-maintained highways), or
55 portion thereof in the vicinity of schools and churches, upon
56 levees and causeways and in other special zones which the board or
57 governing authorities may designate. The rate of speed so
58 established shall be determined upon the basis of an engineering
59 and traffic study. The order or resolution setting such speed
60 limits may provide that such limits are only effective during
61 specified times of the day, days of the week and months of the
62 year.

63 (2) Funds from violations of the special zones designated in
64 the vicinity of a school created under subsection (1) of this
65 section shall be used by counties for school safety by funding
66 school resource officers or law enforcement officers assigned to
67 schools or by funding safety training of school faculty and staff.

68 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
69 and after July 1, 2024.

