

By: Representative Haney

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1069

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



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

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

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

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

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

The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be immediately notified by municipal law enforcement of any road blockages or emergencies occurring on any federally designated limited-access 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, 2025.

