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COUNTY DESIGNATED SPEED RESTRICTIONS

House Bill 5886 Sponsor: Rep. Beverly Bodem Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5886 AS INTRODUCED 5-21-98

House Bill 5886 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow a county road commission, or a county road commission and a township board with respect to highways, roads, or streets in the township, to jointly determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed of traffic is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the existing conditions at an intersection or other place along the highway. The bill would allow the county road commission or the officials acting jointly to declare a reasonable and safe maximum or minimum speed limit that would be effective at the times determined when appropriate signs giving notice were erected. The bill would require that the superintendent of a school district be consulted, if a superintendent of a school district determined that the speed of traffic on a county highway that is within 1,000 feet of a school is not reasonable or safe.

Under current law, the state transportation commission or county road commission, with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, and the director of the Department of State Police jointly determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation the speeds on a state trunk line or county highway. As with the proposed bill, these officials are required to include a school superintendent when the superintendent determines a speed limit within 1,000 feet of a school in the superintendent's jurisdiction is unreasonable or unsafe.

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