

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 24, 2026
Date

Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1318 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 2, strike "(2)" and substitute "(2); and
- 2 **add** (4) and (5)".

- 3 Page 2, line 6, after "(2)" insert "(a)".

- 4 Page 2, line 9, strike "BOUNDARY. A" and substitute "BOUNDARY; EXCEPT
- 5 THAT:
- 6 (I) STATE HIGHWAYS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-4-110.5, ARE NOT
- 7 INCLUDED IN A SCHOOL ZONE UNLESS DESIGNATED AS PART OF A SCHOOL
- 8 ZONE BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR BY A
- 9 COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY WITH THE WRITTEN
- 10 APPROVAL OF THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;
- 11 (II) A SCHOOL ZONE THAT EXISTS ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
- 12 SUBSECTION (2), AS AMENDED, THAT EXTENDS TO BETWEEN TWO
- 13 HUNDRED FEET AND ONE THOUSAND FEET FROM A SCHOOL PROPERTY
- 14 BOUNDARY IS THE SCHOOL ZONE FOR THAT SCHOOL PROPERTY; AND
- 15 (III) IF A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY THAT HAS
- 16 JURISDICTION OVER A SCHOOL ZONE REDUCES THE SIZE OF THE SCHOOL
- 17 ZONE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, THEN ONLY THE
- 18 REDUCED SCHOOL ZONE IS THE SCHOOL ZONE FOR THAT SCHOOL
- 19 PROPERTY.
- 20 (b) A".

- 21 Page 2, line 17, strike "WHICH" and substitute "WHICH, EXCEPT IF
- 22 REDUCED AS PERMITTED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION,".

- 23 Page 2, after line 19 add:

1 "(4) A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY THAT HAS
2 JURISDICTION OVER A SCHOOL ZONE MAY REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE SCHOOL
3 ZONE TO EXTEND TO LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND FEET FROM A SCHOOL
4 PROPERTY BOUNDARY BUT SHALL NOT REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE SCHOOL
5 ZONE TO LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED FEET FROM A SCHOOL PROPERTY
6 BOUNDARY. A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL NOT
7 REDUCE THE SIZE OF A SCHOOL ZONE WITHOUT FIRST HOLDING A PUBLIC
8 HEARING.

9 (5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS A COUNTY, CITY AND
10 COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY FROM INCREASING THE SIZE OF A SCHOOL ZONE
11 TO LARGER THAN ONE THOUSAND FEET FROM A SCHOOL PROPERTY
12 BOUNDARY OR, IN COLLABORATION WITH A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD, FROM
13 RAISING REVENUE THROUGH BONDING TO FINANCE INCREASED SCHOOL
14 ZONE SIGNAGE."

15 Page 3, after line 27 add:

16 "**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 42-4-119** as
17 follows:

18 **42-4-119. Establishment of a school street - speed limit -**
19 **definition.**

20 (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "SCHOOL STREET" MEANS A PORTION
21 OF A ROADWAY IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SCHOOL PROPERTY
22 BOUNDARY THAT IS DESIGNATED AS A SCHOOL STREET.

23 (2) A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY MAY
24 DESIGNATE A ROADWAY AS A SCHOOL STREET; EXCEPT THAT A STATE
25 HIGHWAY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-4-110.5, MUST NOT BE DESIGNATED
26 AS A SCHOOL STREET, UNLESS DESIGNATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION
27 42-4-615 (2).

28 (3) A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY SHALL NOT
29 DESIGNATE A ROADWAY THAT DIRECTLY CONNECTS TO A STATE HIGHWAY
30 AS A SCHOOL STREET WITHOUT THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE
31 COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

32 (4) A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY THAT
33 DESIGNATES A ROADWAY AS A SCHOOL STREET MAY CLOSE THE SCHOOL
34 STREET TO VEHICLES.

35 (5) ALL VEHICLES TRAVELING ALONG A SCHOOL STREET SHALL
36 YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN, BICYCLIST, OR
37 MICROMOBILITY USER. A BICYCLIST OR OPERATOR OF A MICROMOBILITY
38 DEVICE SHALL YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN ON A SCHOOL
39 STREET.

40 (6) A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAVING JURISDICTION OVER
41 THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ON A

1 SCHOOL STREET SHALL POST CONSPICUOUS TRAFFIC SIGNS INDICATING AN
2 AREA DESIGNATED AS A SCHOOL STREET AS A SCHOOL STREET.

3 (7) THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT ON A SCHOOL STREET IS TEN MILES
4 PER HOUR. A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAVING JURISDICTION OVER
5 THE PLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNS SHALL POST SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON A
6 SCHOOL STREET.

7 (8) SECTIONS 42-4-801, 42-4-803, AND 42-4-805 (1) AND (2) DO
8 NOT APPLY TO SCHOOL STREETS.

9 (9) A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY THAT
10 DESIGNATES A ROADWAY AS A SCHOOL STREET MAY SUSPEND ADDITIONAL
11 TRAFFIC PROVISIONS ON THE SCHOOL STREET THAT ENDANGER
12 PEDESTRIANS, BICYCLISTS, OR MICROMOBILITY USERS AND FRUSTRATE
13 EASE OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MOVEMENT."

14 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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