

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 778

2024 Regular Session

Bayham

June 3, 2024

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 778 by Representative Bayham, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

- 1. That the set of Senate Committee Amendments by the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works (#2880) be rejected.
- 2. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Cathey (#4370) be adopted.
- 3. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator McMath (#3574) be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Mike Bayham

Senator Patrick McMath

Representative Beth Billings

Senator Kirk Talbot

Representative Ryan Bourriaque

Senator Alan Seabaugh

DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

TRAFFIC/VIOLATIONS: Prohibits the imposition of penalties via unmanned automated speed enforcement devices in a school zone in certain circumstances

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Adds a provision that prohibits equipment that is not on a state or local authority right-of-way from being authorized to utilize electronic speed enforcement devices.
2. Makes technical changes.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Added a rebuttable presumption that signs were present before and after school zones for any proceeding to collect a civil or criminal fine, fee, or penalty by a municipal or parish authority.
2. Added provisions to address the use of wireless telecommunication devices by operators of motor vehicles.
3. Consolidated all of the separate statutes and distinct prohibitions relative to the use of a wireless telecommunications device into one section of law that applied to everyone in all situations.
4. Made technical changes.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law prohibits authorities from installing automated speed enforcement devices on interstate roadways within their territorial limits.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a provision that prohibits equipment that is not on a state or local authority right-of-way from being authorized to utilize electronic speed enforcement devices.

Present law provides an exception to present law for Dept. of Transportation and Development construction zones except for local municipal authorities and local parish authorities.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law adds a prohibition for the imposition of speeding citations within a school zone via unmanned automated speed enforcement devices when the driver is not exceeding the posted speed limit immediately prior to the school zone if school zone signs are not posted at the entrance and exit of the school zone.

(Amends R.S. 32:43(A)(1); Adds R.S. 32:43(A)(3))