

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION

CHAPTER 217
SENATE BILL 578

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SPEED FOR SCHOOL BUSES TO
FORTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-218(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive a school bus loaded with children over the highways or public vehicular areas of North Carolina at a greater rate of speed than ~~35-45~~ miles per hour, with the following exceptions:

- (1) ~~For except for school activity buses which are painted a different color from regular school buses and which are being used for transportation of students or others to or from places for participation in events other than regular classroom work, it shall be unlawful to operate such a school activity bus at a greater rate of speed than 55 miles per hour.~~
- (2) ~~For school buses or special buses with a capacity of 16 pupils or less that are used to transport students who are children with special needs, it shall be unlawful to operate the buses at a greater rate of speed than 45 miles per hour.~~
- (3) ~~For private school buses that pick up children at a central point and deposit the children at a single school, without picking up children along the way, it shall be unlawful to operate the buses at a greater rate of speed than 45 miles per hour."~~

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1993, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of June, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives