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Increases from 20 to 30 m.p.h. the maximum amount by which a speed limit in a school zone may be below the surrounding speed limit, and provides that it may be that amount below any surrounding speed limit rather than surrounding speed limits of 40 m.p.h. or more.

Increases the minimum amount of surcharge on fines for speeding in a school zone and dedicates half the revenue to a safe routes to school fund administered by MnDOT. Provides that the fund must be used for grants to school districts and nonpublic school administrations for safe routes to school programs, consisting of highway improvements, student and public education, highway safety measures, or traffic control measures and devices.

Requires that grants be awarded under a competitive program on the basis of:

- ▶ severity of safety problems being addressed
- ▶ number of students affected
- ▶ extent of involvement by students, parents, teachers, local transportation authorities, law enforcement agencies, and school officials
- ▶ effectiveness of program in increasing walking and bicycling to school