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SUBJECT: Strike everything amendment to S.B. 1134, relating to photo radar; prohibition

Purpose

Allows the use of a photo enforcement system to identify violators of a school crossing speed limit.

Background

A *photo enforcement system* is a device consisting of a radar unit or sensor linked to a recording device that produces recorded images of a vehicle's license plate for the purpose of identifying violators of traffic signs, signals and markings, or speed restrictions in this state ([A.R.S. § 28-601](#)). Local authorities and state agencies may use a photo enforcement system if outlined statutory standards and specifications are adopted indicating that a photo enforcement system is present and operational ([A.R.S. § 28-1204](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Prohibits the use of a photo enforcement system by the state or a local authority in Arizona to identify violators of speed restrictions.
2. Allows the state or a local authority to use a photo enforcement system in Arizona to identify violators of a school crossing speed limit of 15 miles per hour.
3. Declares that the Legislature's intent is to:
 - a) keep the enforcement of the laws in Arizona in the hands of trained law enforcement officers who are authorized by the people of Arizona to enforce the laws;
 - b) protect the citizens of Arizona from the abuses that accompany the outsourcing of law enforcement to private, for-profit entities; and
 - c) ensure that the purpose of law enforcement remains to serve and protect rather than to generate revenue for governments.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.