

2 **ESHB 1172** - S COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Education

4 Adopted 4/19/91 - Voice Vote
5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the number of
8 motor vehicles on the roads of the state has increased dramatically in
9 recent years, and that this increase has created unsafe conditions for
10 many of our children as they travel to and from school. The
11 legislature further finds that responsibility to ensure safe walking
12 conditions and bus stops for our children is fragmented, and that
13 inadequate resources have been devoted to improving pedestrian safety."

14 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The school pathway and bus stop
15 improvement program is hereby created. The purpose of the program is
16 to establish a council to make recommendations about roads, streets,
17 and bus stops that the council considers inadequate for school children
18 as they travel to school, and develop a program for making safety
19 improvements."

20 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The school pathway and bus stop
21 improvement program council is established. Membership on the council
22 shall include two members of the senate, two members of the house of
23 representatives, and representatives from the department of
24 transportation, the office of the superintendent of public instruction,
25 school district administrators, school board members, counties, cities,
26 the traffic safety commission, school bus drivers, and parents. The

1 president of the senate shall select the senate members and the speaker
2 of the house of representatives shall select the house of
3 representatives members. Representatives of state agencies shall be
4 selected by the respective agency. Other representatives shall be
5 selected by appropriate state-wide organizations. The council shall
6 select a chair from among its members. Staffing and administrative
7 support shall be provided by the Washington traffic safety commission."

8 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) The council established in section
9 3 of this act shall:

10 (a) Formulate criteria for identifying roads and school bus stops
11 that the council considers inadequate for elementary school students
12 and establish recommendations for standards for making safety
13 improvements;

14 (b) Based on the criteria and standards in (a) of this subsection,
15 inventory those roads within a one-mile radius of elementary schools
16 and those school bus stops considered inadequate by the council, and
17 recommend priority safety improvement projects;

18 (c) Develop a plan by which the recommended priority safety
19 improvement projects may be implemented, and make the plan available to
20 applicable local jurisdictions;

21 (d) Based on the criteria and standards in (a) of this subsection,
22 formulate recommended guidelines for student pedestrian safety within
23 a one-mile radius of new elementary schools. At a minimum, the council
24 shall develop recommended guidelines for incorporating pedestrian
25 safety considerations into school siting decisions, constructing
26 pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements within a specified time
27 after new elementary schools are opened, and creating incentives and
28 enforcement measures to ensure that the safety improvements are
29 completed; and

1 (e) Estimate the cost of implementing state-wide sidewalk crossing
2 rules.

3 (2) By June 30, 1993, the council shall submit its recommendations
4 and findings required in subsection (1) of this section to the
5 appropriate committees of the house of representatives and the senate,
6 the governor, local governments, school districts, and other
7 appropriate agencies and organizations. After July 1, 1992, the
8 council shall provide general oversight, coordination, and assistance
9 to local governments, state agencies, and private parties in the
10 consideration and implementation of the recommendations.

11 (3) The recommendations of the council are advisory only and shall
12 not constitute proof of an actual unsafe condition.

13 (4) Local jurisdictions may adopt, in whole or in part, the
14 recommendations of the council."

15 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 2 through 4 of this act are
16 each added to chapter 28A.160 RCW."

17 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If specific funding for the purposes of
18 this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June
19 30, 1991, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and
20 void."

21 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
22 expire June 30, 1996."

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5 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "safety;" strike the
6 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter
28A.160 RCW; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date."