
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1172

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1 AN ACT Relating to student pedestrian safety; adding new sections
2 to chapter 28A.160 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an
3 expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

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

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The school pathway and bus stop
13 improvement program is hereby created. The purpose of the program is
14 to identify roads, streets, and bus stops that are hazardous to school

1 children as they travel to school, and develop a program for making
2 safety improvements.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The school pathway and bus stop
4 improvement program council is established. Membership on the council
5 shall include two members of the senate, two members of the house of
6 representatives, and representatives from the department of
7 transportation, the office of the superintendent of public instruction,
8 school district administrators, school board members, counties, cities,
9 the traffic safety commission, and parents. The president of the
10 senate shall select the senate members and the speaker of the house of
11 representatives shall select the house of representatives members.
12 Representatives of state agencies shall be selected by the respective
13 agency. Other representatives shall be selected by appropriate state-
14 wide organizations. The council shall select a chair from among its
15 members. Staffing and administrative support shall be provided by the
16 Washington traffic safety commission.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) The council established in section
18 3 of this act shall:

19 (a) Formulate criteria for identifying the minimum acceptable
20 walkways, bikeways, and school bus stops, and establish minimum design
21 standards for constructing and reconstructing walkways, bikeways, and
22 school bus stops for elementary students;

23 (b) Based on the identification criteria established in (a) of
24 this subsection: (i) Conduct an inventory of existing walkways and
25 bikeways within a two-mile radius of elementary schools that do not
26 meet the criteria; (ii) conduct an inventory of school bus stops; and
27 (iii) identify priority safety improvement projects for those
28 facilities that do not meet the criteria;

1 (c) For priority safety improvement projects, the council shall
2 identify which governmental jurisdictions or other parties should be
3 responsible for the improvements and develop an implementation plan
4 designed to ensure that the projects are funded and constructed;

5 (d) Based on the criteria and standards in (a) of this subsection,
6 formulate recommended guidelines that should be followed to ensure
7 student pedestrian safety within a two-mile radius of new elementary
8 schools. At a minimum, consideration shall be given to school siting
9 guidelines for new schools that incorporate pedestrian safety
10 considerations, construction of pedestrian safety infrastructure
11 improvements within a specified time after new elementary schools are
12 opened, and proposed incentives and enforcement measures to ensure that
13 the safety improvements are completed; and

14 (e) Estimate the cost of implementing state-wide sidewalk crossing
15 rules.

16 (2) By June 30, 1992, the council shall submit its recommendations
17 and findings required in subsection (1) of this section to the
18 appropriate committees of the house of representatives and the senate,
19 the governor, local governments, school districts, and other
20 appropriate agencies and organizations. After July 1, 1992, the
21 council shall provide general oversight, coordination, and assistance
22 to local governments, state agencies, and private parties in the
23 consideration and implementation of the recommendations.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are
25 each added to chapter 28A.160 RCW.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall
27 expire June 30, 1996.