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By Representatives Murray, Hankins, Cody, Simpson, Schual-Berke, Ericks, Chase, Hasegawa and Wood

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding driver's education; amending RCW  
2 28A.220.040; adding a new section to chapter 46.16 RCW; providing an  
3 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Beginning with vehicle registrations that are due or become due  
8 July 1, 2005, and thereafter, at the time of initial vehicle  
9 registration or upon periodic replacement of license plates under RCW  
10 46.16.233, the registered owner shall pay and the department shall  
11 collect an additional fee of three dollars for each license plate  
12 issued, to assist in funding traffic safety education. The department  
13 shall transmit the fee to the state treasurer for deposit into the  
14 public safety and education account. The amount so deposited may be  
15 used only for reducing the cost of traffic safety education courses  
16 under chapter 28A.220 RCW.

17 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.220.040 and 2000 c 115 s 10 are each amended to  
18 read as follows:

1 (1) Each school district shall be reimbursed from funds  
2 appropriated for traffic safety education.

3 ~~((a))~~ (2) The state superintendent shall determine the per-pupil  
4 reimbursement amount for the traffic safety education course to be  
5 funded by the state. The superintendent shall deduct an amount not  
6 more than five percent of the fees collected under section 1 of this  
7 act for administrative expenses incurred in determining the allocation  
8 of those funds. Each school district offering an approved standard  
9 traffic safety education course shall be reimbursed ~~((or granted))~~ an  
10 amount up to the level established by the superintendent of public  
11 instruction as may be appropriated.

12 ~~((b))~~ (3) The state superintendent may provide per-pupil  
13 reimbursements to school districts only where all the traffic educators  
14 have satisfied the continuing education requirement of RCW  
15 28A.220.030(4).

16 ~~((2))~~ (4) The board of directors of any school district or  
17 combination of school districts may establish a traffic safety  
18 education fee, which fee when imposed shall be required to be paid by  
19 any duly enrolled student in any such school district prior to or while  
20 enrolled in a traffic safety education course. In accordance with  
21 funding received under section 1 of this act, the board shall set a  
22 reduced fee for students qualified to receive school lunches on a  
23 reduced-cost or free basis. Traffic safety education fees collected by  
24 a school district shall be deposited with the county treasurer to the  
25 credit of such school district, to be used to pay costs of the traffic  
26 safety education course.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
30 July 1, 2005.

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