

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1121

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM; AMENDING TITLE
2 40, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW CHAPTER 25, TITLE 40, IDAHO
3 CODE, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATIVE INTENT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SAFE ROUTES
4 TO SCHOOL HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE
5 ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR A FUND, TO PROVIDE FOR SO-
6 LICITATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTING; PROVIDING
7 SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

10 SECTION 1. That Title 40, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended
11 by the addition thereto of a NEW CHAPTER, to be known and designated as Chap-
12 ter 25, Title 40, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

13 CHAPTER 25

14 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL HEALTHY KIDS PROGRAM

15 40-2501. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. (1) A safe routes to school healthy kids
16 program shall be established to improve the health and safety of K-12 public
17 school children by simultaneously:

18 (a) Reducing serious traffic-related injuries and fatalities suffered
19 by school children traveling to and from school; and

20 (b) Increasing opportunities for daily physical activity through in-
21 creased access, education and encouragement. Safe routes to school
22 projects provide improvements in the ability of public school children
23 to walk and bicycle to school, helping to reduce the risk of chronic
24 disease related to a sedentary lifestyle.

25 (2) The program, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, shall be
26 administered by the local highway technical assistance council, hereinafter
27 "LHTAC."

28 40-2502. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter:

29 (1) "LHTAC" means the local highway technical assistance council.

30 (2) "Safe routes to school" (SRTS) means projects, programs and initia-
31 tives that aim to increase the number or safety of students walking or bicy-
32 cling to school through education, encouragement, infrastructure and other
33 improvements.

34 (3) "Safe routes to school infrastructure projects" means planning or
35 engineering projects located within two (2) miles of a school that support
36 bicycling and walking to the school, such as sidewalk improvements, traffic
37 calming and speed-reduction improvements, pedestrian and bicycle-crossing
38 improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedes-
39 trian facilities, secure bicycle parking facilities and traffic-diversion
40 or calming improvements.

1 (4) "Safe routes to school non-infrastructure projects" means projects
2 designed to encourage children to safely walk and bicycle to school, includ-
3 ing public awareness campaigns and outreach to press and community leaders,
4 traffic education and enforcement in the vicinity of schools, student edu-
5 cation sessions on bicycle and pedestrian safety, health, environment and
6 funding for training volunteers and managers.

7 (5) "Safe routes to school healthy kids program" means a program within
8 LHTAC that supports increasing the safety and convenience of children walk-
9 ing or biking to school and funds safe routes to school projects in local ju-
10 risdictions.

11 (6) "Safe routes to school projects" means both safe routes to school
12 infrastructure projects and safe routes to school non-infrastructure
13 projects.

14 (7) "Vicinity" means, with respect to a school, the area within bicy-
15 cling or walking distance of the school, approximately two (2) miles.

16 40-2503. ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE LOCAL HIGHWAY TECHNICAL ASSIS-
17 TANCE COUNCIL (LHTAC). (1) LHTAC shall administer the safe routes to school
18 healthy kids program.

19 (2) There is hereby created in the state treasury a fund to be known as
20 the Idaho safe routes to school healthy kids program fund, which shall con-
21 sist of all funds made available to it from state, private and other sources.
22 The state treasurer is directed to invest all unobligated moneys in the fund.
23 All interest and other income accruing from such investments shall accrue to
24 the fund. LHTAC may retain such reasonable sums from the fund as necessary
25 to offset costs associated with administration of the safe routes to school
26 healthy kids program.

27 (3) On an annual basis, LHTAC shall solicit input statewide from inter-
28 ested parties and entities for advice and recommendations regarding the ap-
29 plication process of the safe routes to school healthy kids program. These
30 interested parties are responsible for procuring funds.

31 (4) LHTAC shall submit to the legislature, within the first thirty (30)
32 days of each regular legislative session, an annual report of the status and
33 progress of the safe routes to school healthy kids program.

34 SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this act are hereby declared
35 to be severable and if any provision of this act or the application of such
36 provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason,
37 such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of
38 this act.

39 SECTION 3. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
40 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
41 passage and approval.