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By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Murray, Hankins, Dunshee, Anderson, Lantz, Eickmeyer, McIntire, Kagi, Conway, Kenney, Schual-Berke, Wood, Lovick, Santos and Edwards)

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1 AN ACT Relating to funding driver's education for low-income
2 students; amending RCW 28A.220.040; adding a new section to chapter
3 46.16 RCW; providing an 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 (1) At the time the vehicle license plate fee imposed under RCW
8 46.16.237 is charged, the registered owner shall pay and the department
9 shall collect an additional fee of one dollar for each license plate
10 issued.

11 (2) The department shall transmit the fee imposed in this section
12 to the state treasurer together with a detailed report for deposit in
13 the motor vehicle fund. The state treasurer shall transfer the fees
14 imposed in this section at least once each quarter to the public safety
15 and education account, and the amount so deposited may be used only for
16 reducing the cost of traffic safety education courses under chapter
17 28A.220 RCW for students qualified to receive school lunches on a
18 reduced-cost or free basis.

1 (3) The department may deduct a percentage amount of the fee
2 collected in this section, not to exceed two percent of the fees
3 received, for administration expenses incurred by the department.

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

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

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

17 (b) The state superintendent may provide per-pupil reimbursements
18 to school districts only where all the traffic educators have satisfied
19 the continuing education requirement of RCW 28A.220.030(4).

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

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
32 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
33 state government and its existing public institutions, and is effective
34 with vehicle registrations that are due or become due on July 1, 2003,

1 and thereafter.

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