

**SB 5743 - DIGEST**

Establishes a safe routes to school program within the department of transportation.

Requires the department of transportation to administer a competitive grant program for the safe routes to school program.

Creates a statewide advisory committee within the department of transportation to create and refine grant criteria and review and recommend grant applications to the department for the grant program.

Requires the department of transportation to: (1) Fund an ongoing state center to provide information, resources, outreach, training, and program evaluation support to grantees awarded grants under the grant program;

(2) Contract with a nonprofit or a consortium of nonprofits that demonstrate an expertise in alternative transportation programs and policies, including implementation of the safe routes to school program; and

(3) Coordinate evaluation methods and findings with those of the national center for safe routes to school in order to standardize program evaluation, measure Washington's progress to that of other states, and learn from safe routes to school programs across the country.

Provides funding for the safe routes to school program from various sources.