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1 AN ACT Relating to committing state and federal support to the safe
2 routes to school program; amending RCW 47.04.300; reenacting and
3 amending RCW 46.68.060; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that our state's
6 safe routes to school program provides critical resources to state and
7 local agencies for projects that enhance the safety and health of our
8 children as they travel to and from school each day. The legislature
9 further recognizes that since the program's inception in 2005, it has
10 reached one hundred seventy-seven schools, making walking and biking
11 conditions safer for seventy-seven thousand children. The safe routes
12 to school program also helps to combat the childhood obesity epidemic
13 and ultimately lower health care costs by making healthy options to
14 walk and bike to school safer and easier. As such, it is the intent of
15 the legislature to ensure the continuation of this important safety and
16 health program by codifying federal funding at the level provided in
17 the 2011-2013 fiscal biennium and state funding commitments made as
18 part of the 2012 transportation fee increases.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 47.04.300 and 2009 c 392 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) Concurrent with the federal safe, accountable, flexible,
4 efficient transportation equity act of 2005, a safe routes to school
5 program is established within the department. The purpose of the
6 program is to:

7 ~~((+1))~~ (a) Enable and encourage children, including those with
8 disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;

9 ~~((+2))~~ (b) Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more
10 appealing transportation alternative, encouraging a healthy and active
11 lifestyle from an early age; and

12 ~~((+3))~~ (c) Facilitate the planning, development, and
13 implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and
14 reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of
15 schools.

16 (2) Consistent with federal funding levels from the 2011-2013
17 omnibus transportation appropriations act, at least ten million four
18 hundred thousand dollars of federal transportation funds, of which
19 fifty percent must come from the transportation alternatives program or
20 an equivalent program and fifty percent from the highway safety
21 improvement program or an equivalent program, must be made available
22 during each fiscal biennium to the safe routes to school program.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.68.060 and 2011 c 367 s 718 and 2011 c 298 s 26 are
24 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

25 There is hereby created in the state treasury a fund to be known as
26 the highway safety fund to the credit of which must be deposited all
27 moneys directed by law to be deposited therein. This fund must be used
28 for carrying out the provisions of law relating to driver licensing,
29 driver improvement, financial responsibility, cost of furnishing
30 abstracts of driving records and maintaining such case records, and to
31 carry out the purposes set forth in RCW 43.59.010, and chapters 46.72
32 and 46.72A RCW. ~~((During the 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 fiscal biennia,~~
33 ~~the legislature may transfer from the highway safety fund to the motor~~
34 ~~vehicle fund and the multimodal transportation account such amounts as~~
35 ~~reflect the excess fund balance of the highway safety fund.))~~
36 Beginning with the 2013-2015 fiscal biennium, during each fiscal
37 biennium thereafter, and consistent with the intent of the fee

1 increases in chapter 74, Laws of 2012 and chapter 80, Laws of 2012, at
2 least six million eight hundred thousand dollars from the highway
3 safety fund must be dedicated to the safe routes to school program
4 under RCW 47.04.300.

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