

2 **HB 2780** - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Education

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the number of  
8 motor vehicles on the roads of the state has increased dramatically in  
9 recent years, and that this increase has created unsafe conditions for  
10 many of our children as they travel to and from school. The  
11 legislature further finds that responsibility to ensure safe walking  
12 conditions and bus stops for our children is fragmented, and that  
13 inadequate resources have been devoted to improving pedestrian safety."

14 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The school pathway and bus stop  
15 improvement program is hereby created. The purpose of the program is  
16 to establish a council to make recommendations about roads, streets,  
17 and bus stops that the council considers inadequate for school children  
18 as they travel to school, and develop a program for making safety  
19 improvements."

20 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The school pathway and bus stop  
21 improvement program council is established. Membership on the council  
22 shall include two members of the senate, two members of the house of  
23 representatives, and representatives from the department of  
24 transportation, the office of the superintendent of public instruction,  
25 school district administrators, school board members, counties, cities,  
26 the traffic safety commission, school bus drivers, and parents. The

1 president of the senate shall select the senate members and the speaker  
2 of the house of representatives shall select the house of  
3 representatives members. Representatives of state agencies shall be  
4 selected by the respective agency. Other representatives shall be  
5 selected by appropriate state-wide organizations. The council shall  
6 select a chair from among its members. Staffing and administrative  
7 support shall be provided by the Washington traffic safety commission."

8 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. (1) The council established in section  
9 3 of this act shall:

10 (a) Formulate criteria for identifying roads and school bus stops  
11 that the council considers inadequate for elementary school students  
12 and establish recommendations for standards for making safety  
13 improvements;

14 (b) Based on the criteria and standards in (a) of this subsection,  
15 inventory those roads within a one-mile radius of elementary schools  
16 and those school bus stops considered inadequate by the council, and  
17 recommend priority safety improvement projects;

18 (c) Develop a plan by which the recommended priority safety  
19 improvement projects may be implemented, and make the plan available to  
20 applicable local jurisdictions;

21 (d) Based on the criteria and standards in (a) of this subsection,  
22 formulate recommended guidelines for student pedestrian safety within  
23 a one-mile radius of new elementary schools. At a minimum, the council  
24 shall develop recommended guidelines for incorporating pedestrian  
25 safety considerations into school siting decisions, constructing  
26 pedestrian safety infrastructure improvements within a specified time  
27 after new elementary schools are opened, and creating incentives and  
28 enforcement measures to ensure that the safety improvements are  
29 completed; and

1 (e) Estimate the cost of implementing state-wide sidewalk crossing  
2 rules.

3 (2) By June 30, 1994, the council shall submit its recommendations  
4 and findings required in subsection (1) of this section to the  
5 appropriate committees of the house of representatives and the senate,  
6 the governor, local governments, school districts, and other  
7 appropriate agencies and organizations. After July 1, 1993, the  
8 council shall provide general oversight, coordination, and assistance  
9 to local governments, state agencies, and private parties in the  
10 consideration and implementation of the recommendations.

11 (3) The recommendations of the council are advisory only and shall  
12 not constitute proof of an actual unsafe condition.

13 (4) Local jurisdictions may adopt, in whole or in part, the  
14 recommendations of the council."

15 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 through 4 of this act are  
16 each added to chapter 28A.160 RCW."

17 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The sum of twenty thousand dollars, or  
18 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium  
19 ending June 30, 1993, from the state general fund to the Washington  
20 traffic safety commission for the purposes of this act."

21 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Sections 1 through 4 of this act shall  
22 expire June 30, 1997."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "safety;" strike the  
5 remainder of the title and insert "adding new sections to chapter  
6 28A.160 RCW; creating a new section; making an appropriation; and  
7 providing an expiration date."