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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; and creating a new section.

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

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

5           (a) The state superintendent shall determine the per-pupil  
6 reimbursement amount for the traffic safety education course to be  
7 funded by the state. Each school district offering an approved  
8 standard traffic safety education course shall be reimbursed or granted  
9 an amount up to the level established by the superintendent of public  
10 instruction as may be appropriated. Each school district that does not  
11 offer an approved standard traffic safety education course may offer  
12 scholarships for students qualified to receive school lunches on a  
13 reduced-cost or free basis who enroll in a traffic safety education  
14 course at any drivers' school licensed under chapter 46.82 RCW.

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

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

29           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act takes effect with  
30 registrations that are due or become due November 1, 2004, or later.

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