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**SENATE BILL 5572**

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**By Senators Swecker, Eide, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen**

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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            At the time of initial vehicle registration or upon periodic  
8 replacement of license plates under RCW 46.16.233, the registered owner  
9 shall pay and the department shall collect an additional fee of one  
10 dollar to assist in funding traffic safety education for low-income  
11 students. The department shall transmit the fee to the state treasurer  
12 for deposit in the public safety and education account, and the amount  
13 so deposited may be used only for reducing the cost of traffic safety  
14 education courses under chapter 28A.220 RCW for students qualified to  
15 receive school lunches on a reduced-cost or free basis.

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

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

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

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

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

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
28 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
29 July 1, 2003.

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