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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 354, L.D. 470, Bill, "An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of §6702 (page 1, lines 11 to 14 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

§6702. Traffic safety education required

1. Age-appropriate traffic safety education. A school administrative unit shall provide age-appropriate traffic safety education to students in accordance with this chapter. The age-appropriate traffic safety education must:

A. Meet the minimum requirements specified in section 6703; and

B. Be provided annually to at least 4 different grade levels from kindergarten to grade 8.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §6703 in the first indented paragraph in the 3rd line (page 1, line 18 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "grade" the following: 'to which the traffic safety education is provided'

Amend the bill in section 1 by inserting after §6705 the following:

§6706. Funds

Funds from the Federal Government, state appropriation or any individual group, foundation, corporation or other private source may be accepted by the department and expended for purposes consistent with this chapter. The department shall coordinate distribution of funds for purposes of this chapter.'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Traffic Safety Education - Mandate N304

Initiative: Provides one-time funds representing 90% of the cost to school administrative units to provide age-appropriate traffic safety education to at least 4 different grade levels from kindergarten to grade 8. Funds appropriated for this purpose do not lapse at the end of fiscal year 2019-20 but must be carried over into fiscal year 2020-21 to be used for the same purpose. Funds remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020-21 lapse to the General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$69,545	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$69,545</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Traffic Safety Education Fund N305

Initiative: Provides base allocations in the event that funds are received from private sources to support traffic safety education in schools.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Traffic Safety Education Fund N305

Initiative: Provides base allocations in the event that funds are received from federal sources to support traffic safety education in schools.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

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DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
GENERAL FUND	\$69,545	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$70,545</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, modifies the requirements in the bill for age-appropriate traffic safety education in school administrative units. The amendment provides that the traffic safety education must be provided annually to at least 4 different grade levels from kindergarten to grade 8 instead of annually in grades 2 to 12. The amendment also strikes the requirement that the education be at least one hour in length.

This amendment also provides funding for 90% of the cost to school administrative units to implement the traffic safety education curriculum. The amendment also specifies that outside funding may be accepted by the Department of Education and expended for the purpose of traffic safety education annually.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



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LD 470

LR 253(02)

An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-83)*

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Potential State Mandate - Funded

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	Projections FY 2021-22	Projections FY 2022-23
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$69,545	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$69,545	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Expenditures Fund	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

State Mandates

Required Activity

Requires school administrative units to provide age-appropriate traffic safety education to students in at least 4 different grade levels from kindergarten to grade 8 each year.

Unit Affected

School

Local Cost

\$69,545

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$69,545 in fiscal year 2019-20 to the Traffic Safety Education - Mandate program within the Department of Education for 90% of the cost to school administrative units to implement and annually provide age-appropriate traffic safety education to students in at least 4 different grade levels between kindergarten and grade 8. This bill also establishes base allocations of \$500 per year beginning in fiscal year 2019-20 to the Traffic Safety Education program, Other Special Revenue Funds account and to the Traffic Safety Education program - Federal Expenditures Fund account in the event that funding is received.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This fiscal note makes the following assumptions:

- 1) Each school will develop age-appropriate curriculum for traffic education safety for students in a grade lower than grade 4

2) One-half schools will obtain age-appropriate curriculum for 3 grade levels between grade 4 and grade 8 that meets the requirements of this legislation at no cost and will devote one hour acclimating themselves to the curriculum. The remaining schools will have a presenter come into the school to present the traffic and safety education program at no cost to the school.

3) Traffic safety education will be taught at the same grade level each school year using the same curriculum and lesson plan developed in the initial year.

Additional costs to the Department of Education to coordinate the distribution of the funds received for this program to school administrative units can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.