

By Representative Ritter

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to safe transportation for  
3           children; creating s. 335.066, F.S.;  
4           establishing the Safe Paths to Schools Program  
5           in the Department of Transportation; requiring  
6           consideration of the planning and construction  
7           of bicycle and pedestrian ways; authorizing a  
8           grant program to fund projects; providing  
9           rulemaking authority; providing an effective  
10          date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14           Section 1. Section 335.066, Florida Statutes, is  
15 created to read:

16           335.066 Safe Paths to Schools Program.--

17           (1) There is established in the Department of  
18 Transportation the Safe Paths to Schools Program to consider  
19 the planning and construction of bicycle and pedestrian ways  
20 to provide safe transportation for children from neighborhoods  
21 to schools, parks, and the state's greenways and trails  
22 system.

23           (2) As a part of the Safe Paths to Schools Program,  
24 the department may establish a grant program to fund local,  
25 regional, and state bicycle and pedestrian projects that  
26 support the program.

27           (3) The department may adopt appropriate rules  
28 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 for the administration  
29 of the Safe Paths to Schools Program.

30           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Establishes the Safe Paths to Schools Program in the Department of Transportation to consider the planning and construction of bicycle and pedestrian ways to provide safe transportation for children. Authorizes a grant program to fund projects and provides rulemaking authority.