

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to hazardous walking conditions for K-
 3 12 students; providing a short title; requiring the
 4 Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the
 5 safety of certain walking conditions; requiring the
 6 department to submit a report to the Governor,
 7 Legislature, and State Board of Education by a
 8 specified date; providing requirements for the report;
 9 providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Safe Walkways to
 14 School Act."

15 Section 2. (1) The Department of Transportation shall
 16 conduct a study on the safety of walking conditions to and from
 17 public schools for K-12 students.

18 (2) By July 1, 2022, the Department of Transportation
 19 shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the
 20 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the State Board of
 21 Education a report detailing the results of the study. The
 22 report must:

23 (a) With respect to K-12 students who walk between home
 24 and school, determine:

25 1. What constitutes a safe and suitable walkway parallel

26 to the road, particularly with respect to grade, composition,
27 stability, and separation from the edge of the road and any
28 paved shoulder.

29 2. What constitutes a hazardous condition for walkways
30 perpendicular to the road, particularly with respect to the
31 presence of multiple lanes of traffic, and locations where it is
32 likely that pedestrians crossing the roadway will encounter
33 traffic turning from left turn lanes, lanes where a right turn
34 on red is authorized, and free-flow right turn lanes.

35 3. Whether railroad crossings, bridges, and overpasses
36 that lack paved walkways designed for pedestrians are suitable
37 walkways.

38 4. Whether midblock crossings should be supplemented by
39 special emphasis markings such as signals, signs, beacons, or
40 enhanced overhead lighting that conspicuously identify the
41 locations as pedestrian crossing sites.

42 (b) Be developed with input from appropriate stakeholders,
43 including, but not limited to, the Department of Education,
44 school districts, counties, municipalities, metropolitan
45 planning organizations, parents and students.

46 (c) Recommend criteria for identifying hazardous walking
47 conditions.

48 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.