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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CERTAIN DEPARTMENT
OF MOTOR VEHICLE STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) The Department of
4 Transportation shall allocate up to twenty per cent of the amount
5 transferred to the Section 402 Highway Safety Grant Program for
6 hazard elimination activities, pursuant to the requirements of 23 USC
7 154, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to establish three
8 demonstration "Safe Routes to School" grants for pedestrian and
9 bicycle safety construction. The purpose of such grants shall be to (1)
10 reduce child injuries and fatalities related to incidents involving motor
11 vehicles and student pedestrians and bicyclists, and (2) encourage
12 increased walking and bicycling to and from school among students.

13 (b) Said department shall allocate the funds specified in subsection
14 (a) of this section for grants to municipalities as follows: (1) One grant
15 to a municipality with a population of more than seventy-five
16 thousand; (2) one grant to a municipality with a population of twenty-
17 five thousand to seventy-five thousand; and (3) one grant to a
18 municipality with a population of less than twenty-five thousand.
19 Municipalities wishing to receive such grants shall submit applications
20 to the department in accordance with this subsection. Applications
21 shall be accompanied by written proposals for the use of funds for the
22 purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section. Allocation of funds
23 to a municipality shall be based on the following, which shall be
24 demonstrated in such municipality's proposal:

25 (A) The potential of proposed projects to reduce child injuries and
26 fatalities related to incidents involving motor vehicles and student
27 pedestrians and bicyclists;

28 (B) The potential of proposed projects to encourage increased
29 walking and bicycling to and from school among students;

30 (C) Identification of safety hazards that impede safe walking and
31 bicycling to and from school;

32 (D) Identification of current and potential walking and bicycling
33 routes to and from school; and

34 (E) Support for proposed projects by school-based associations, local
35 traffic engineers, local elected officials, law enforcement agencies and
36 school officials.

37 (c) (1) The demonstration grants established pursuant to this section
38 may be granted on or after January 1, 2005. Not later than January 1,
39 2006, the Commissioner of Transportation shall report, in accordance
40 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
41 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
42 relating to transportation, education and children on the effect of the
43 projects funded by such grants on (A) the number of deaths and

44 injuries to student pedestrians and bicyclists caused by motor vehicles,
45 compared to such numbers from previous years, for the state and for
46 each municipality that has received funds under this section, and (B)
47 the number of students walking or bicycling to school, compared to
48 such numbers from previous years, for each municipality that has
49 received funds under this section.

50 (2) Each municipality applying for a grant under this section shall
51 include in the written proposal submitted by such municipality under
52 subsection (b) of this section the number of students that walk or
53 bicycle to and from schools in the municipality at the time of such
54 application. Each municipality receiving funds under this section shall
55 report to the Department of Transportation, at times and in such
56 manner as said department shall require, the number of students that
57 walk or bicycle to and from schools in the municipality."