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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS AND THE PROMOTION OF HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) As used in this section: (1)
2 "Department" means the Department of Transportation; (2) "regional
3 entity" means a regional planning organization or a council of
4 governments; (3) "federal funds" means funds received by the state
5 under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the
6 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), or the
7 National Highway Safety 402 Funds Program; (4) "infrastructure"
8 means, but is not limited to, sidewalks, bicycle lanes, bus shelters,
9 crosswalks, pedestrian islands, intersection bulb-outs and multi-use
10 trails; and (5) "healthy community" means a community that provides
11 initiatives to incorporate health and fitness into the daily lives of its
12 residents and promotes active, outdoor lifestyles in order to improve
13 the health of its residents, reduce obesity and relative negative health
14 outcomes and reduce healthcare costs.

15 (b) The department shall use ten per cent of all federal funds
16 received to create a competitive grant program for municipalities for

17 the construction of infrastructure for pedestrian, cycling and other
18 nonmotorized road users, and transit access, for the improvement of
19 safety and the promotion and facilitation of active lifestyles and
20 healthy communities.

21 (c) The competitive grant program shall be administered by the
22 department as follows: (1) The department shall issue a request for
23 proposals for infrastructure projects. Such request for proposals shall
24 enumerate how projects shall be selected to receive a grant and shall
25 require proposals for projects to be submitted by municipalities to the
26 appropriate regional entity; (2) municipalities may submit such
27 proposals annually; (3) each regional entity shall select five proposed
28 infrastructure projects and shall submit such projects to the
29 department; and (4) the department shall award grants for
30 infrastructure projects from those projects submitted by regional
31 entities.

32 (d) Such grants may be used by municipalities for projects that: (1)
33 Improve safety for pedestrians; (2) improve safety for cyclists and
34 other nonmotorized road users; and (3) provide safer access and egress
35 to transit.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a competitive grant program for awards to municipalities for projects that promote healthy communities and improve the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]