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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEVIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To establish a highway safety improvement program, and
for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “School Access From
5 Every Route Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVE-**
7 **MENT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **REQUIREMENT FOR PROGRAM.**—Chapter 1 of
9 title 23, United States Code, is amended by inserting after
10 section 149 the following:

1 **“§ 150. Highway safety improvement program**

2 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 “(1) ELIGIBLE PROJECT.—The term ‘eligible
4 project’ means a project designed to improve a defi-
5 ciency in the safety of any road or any pedestrian
6 or nonmotorized vehicle trail.

7 “(2) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘eligible project’
8 includes—

9 “(A) an improvement to an intersection;

10 “(B) a widening of pavement or shoulders;

11 “(C) construction of a sidewalk;

12 “(D) installation of rumble strips or other
13 speed warning devices;

14 “(E) a measure designed to improve vehi-
15 cle skid resistance;

16 “(F) an improvement of the access, visi-
17 bility, and safety of pedestrians and non-
18 motorized vehicles;

19 “(G) an improvement to a railway-highway
20 crossing;

21 “(H) installation of any traffic calming de-
22 vice;

23 “(I) any measure to improve highway sign-
24 age or pavement markings; and

25 “(J) installation of a traffic control device.

1 “(2) SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PROJECT.—The
2 term ‘safe route to school project’ means an eligible
3 project that is carried out within 1 mile of an ele-
4 mentary school or middle school.

5 “(b) PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall carry out a
6 highway safety improvement program for the purposes
7 of—

8 “(1) reducing fatalities and serious injuries on
9 public roads; and

10 “(2) improving access for pedestrians and non-
11 motorized vehicles.

12 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant provided under this
13 section may be used to carry out an eligible project (in-
14 cluding the planning of the eligible project and the acquisi-
15 tion of equipment for collecting safety data in connection
16 with an eligible project).

17 “(d) SET-ASIDE FOR SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL
18 PROJECTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each State shall use 10
20 percent of the funds that the State receives under
21 this section to carry out safe route to school
22 projects.

23 “(2) PRIORITY.—In the use of funds under
24 paragraph (1), a State shall give priority to safe
25 route to school projects that directly improve the

1 safety of pedestrians and occupants of nonmotorized
2 vehicles.

3 “(e) APPLICATION.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State seeking a grant
5 under this section shall submit an application for the
6 grant to the Secretary at such time, in such manner,
7 and containing such information as the Secretary
8 may reasonably require.

9 “(2) STATE PLANS.—A State may submit to
10 the Secretary with an application under paragraph
11 (1) a State highway safety plan that—

12 “(A) identifies and analyzes highway safety
13 deficiencies;

14 “(B) identifies possible locations for eligi-
15 ble projects;

16 “(C) addresses the safety needs of motor-
17 ists, pedestrians, and nonmotorized vehicle oc-
18 cupants; and

19 “(D) describes the methods used by the
20 State to collect data and analyze safety needs.

21 “(f) PAYMENT; FEDERAL SHARE.—

22 “(1) PAYMENT.—On approval of an application
23 of a State for a grant under this section, the Sec-
24 retary shall pay the State the amount that is equal

1 to the Federal share of the cost of the eligible
2 project or projects for which funding is supplied.

3 “(2) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of
4 the cost of an eligible project shall be—

5 “(A) 80 percent; or

6 “(B) in the case of a project that is part
7 of a State highway safety plan submitted with
8 an application under subsection (e)(2), 90 per-
9 cent.

10 “(3) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal
11 share of the cost of an eligible project may be pro-
12 vided in cash or in kind fairly evaluated, including
13 equipment or services.

14 “(g) ALLOCATIONS OF APPORTIONED FUNDS.—The
15 Secretary shall apportion funds to each State in accord-
16 ance with the formula specified for apportionments to
17 States for the surface transportation program under sec-
18 tion 104(b)(3).

19 “(h) STANDARDS FOR COLLECTING DATA.—The Sec-
20 retary shall establish standards regarding the collection of
21 data and analysis of safety needs by States for the purpose
22 of preparing State highway safety plans under subsection
23 (e)(2).

1 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry
3 out this section—

4 “(1) \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

5 “(2) \$1,100,000,000 for fiscal year 2005;

6 “(3) \$1,200,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;

7 “(4) \$1,300,000,000 for fiscal year 2007; and

8 “(5) \$1,400,000,000 for fiscal year 2008.”.

9 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis
10 for chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is amended
11 by inserting after the item relating to section 149 the fol-
12 lowing:

“150. Highway safety improvement program.”.

13 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN SET-ASIDES UNDER THE**
14 **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.**

15 Section 133(d) of title 23, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) by striking paragraph (1); and

18 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through

19 (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively.