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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 6954

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 6954 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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5 "Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the  
6 Civil Administrative Code is amended by adding Section 2705-317  
7 as follows:

8 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-317 new)

9 Sec. 2705-317. Safe Routes to School Construction Program.

10 (a) Upon enactment of a federal transportation bill with a  
11 dedicated fund available to states for safe routes to schools,  
12 the Department, in cooperation with the State Board of  
13 Education and the Department of State Police, shall establish  
14 and administer a Safe Routes to School Construction Program for  
15 the construction of bicycle and pedestrian safety and  
16 traffic-calming projects using the federal Safe Routes to  
17 Schools Program funds.

18 (b) The Department shall make construction grants  
19 available to local governmental agencies under the Safe Routes  
20 to School Construction Program based on the results of a  
21 statewide competition that requires submission of Safe Routes  
22 to School proposals for funding and that rates those proposals  
23 on all of the following factors:

24 (1) Demonstrated needs of the grant applicant.

25 (2) Potential of the proposal for reducing child

1 injuries and fatalities.

2 (3) Potential of the proposal for encouraging  
3 increased walking and bicycling among students.

4 (4) Identification of safety hazards.

5 (5) Identification of current and potential walking  
6 and bicycling routes to school.

7 (6) Consultation and support for projects by  
8 school-based associations, local traffic engineers, local  
9 elected officials, law enforcement agencies, and school  
10 officials.

11 With respect to the use of federal Safe Routes to Schools  
12 Program funds, prior to the award of a construction grant or  
13 the use of those funds for a Safe Routes to School project  
14 encompassing a highway, the Department shall consult with and  
15 obtain approval from the Department of State Police and the  
16 highway authority with jurisdiction to ensure that the Safe  
17 Routes to School proposal is consistent with a statewide  
18 pedestrian safety statistical analysis.

19 (c) On March 30, 2005 and each March 30th thereafter, the  
20 Department shall submit a report to the General Assembly  
21 listing and describing the projects funded under the Safe  
22 Routes to School Construction Program.

23 (d) The Department shall study the effectiveness of the  
24 Safe Routes to School Construction Program, with particular  
25 emphasis on the Program's effectiveness in reducing traffic  
26 accidents and its contribution to improving safety and reducing  
27 the number of child injuries and fatalities in the vicinity of  
28 a Safe Routes to School project. The Department shall submit a  
29 report to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2005  
30 regarding the results of the study.

31 (e) The Department, the State Board of Education, and the  
32 Department of State Police may adopt any rules necessary to  
33 implement this Section.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".