

CHAPTER 2002-250

House Bill No. 1181

An act relating to safe transportation for children; creating s. 335.066, F.S.; establishing the Safe Paths to Schools Program in the Department of Transportation; requiring consideration of the planning and construction of bicycle and pedestrian ways; authorizing a grant program to fund projects; providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 335.066, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

335.066 Safe Paths to Schools Program.—

(1) There is established in the Department of Transportation the Safe Paths to Schools Program to consider the planning and construction of bicycle and pedestrian ways to provide safe transportation for children from neighborhoods to schools, parks, and the state's greenways and trails system.

(2) As a part of the Safe Paths to Schools Program, the department may establish a grant program to fund local, regional, and state bicycle and pedestrian projects that support the program.

(3) The department may adopt appropriate rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 for the administration of the Safe Paths to Schools Program.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

Approved by the Governor May 13, 2002.

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