

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO TRAFFIC SAFETY; CREATING THE SAFE ROUTES TO
3 SCHOOL PROGRAM; ENACTING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

4
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

6 Section 1. Section 66-7-501 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
7 1978, Chapter 35, Section 488) is amended to read:

8 "66-7-501. SHORT TITLE.--Sections 66-7-501 through
9 66-7-513 NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Traffic Safety
10 Act". "

11 Section 2. A new Section 66-7-513 NMSA 1978 is enacted
12 to read:

13 "66-7-513. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM.--

14 A. The "safe routes to school program" is
15 created within the department to increase and make safer a
16 student's ability to walk or ride a bicycle to school.

17 B. The program may be established to:

18 (1) provide assistance to the state,
19 counties and municipalities to identify school route hazards
20 and implement engineering improvements, including:

21 (a) installing sidewalks;

22 (b) painting crosswalks and other
23 street and sidewalk areas;

24 (c) installing traffic signals;

25 (d) making street improvements;

(e) providing lighting;

(f) providing bus shelters,

1 particularly in isolated or rural areas;

2 (g) cutting curbs for handicapped
3 access; and

4 (h) other safety improvements;
5 (2) develop criteria, in conjunction with
6 the department's bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian
7 committee, school districts and law enforcement agencies and
8 with input from parents, teachers and school administrators,
9 to be used in evaluating the applications of the program;
and

10 (3) include information about the safe
11 routes to school program in public awareness campaigns about
12 traffic safety." _____

15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25