

CHAPTER 17.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 451.]

SAFE WALKWAYS TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

AN ACT relating to schools and school districts; providing for the acquisition and construction of safe walk-ways; and adding a new section to chapter 154, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and to chapter 28.24 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. There is added to chapter 154, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and to chapter 28.24 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever a safe walk-way would result in eliminating a bus route or bus run through the shortening of the walking distance of pupils, or would provide a safe route for pupils walking to school and thus eliminate the need for bus transportation, the local board of directors of any school district, upon approval of the county transportation commission, is authorized to acquire through purchase, lease, condemnation or otherwise any interest in real property necessary for such purpose and to provide for construction upon and improvement of such property or other property to provide a safe walk-way for pupils walking to and from school.

If the state superintendent of public instruction finds that the acquisition and/or construction of such a safe walk-way would, over a five year period, result in a financial saving to the state and school district involved then he shall reimburse any school district for costs incurred in providing such approved safe walk-ways for pupils, on the same basis that school districts are reimbursed for transportation costs pursuant to RCW 28.41.160.

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Approved by the Governor April 6, 1967.