SENATE FILE NO. SF0035

School crosswalks and pedestrian crossings-appropriation.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1   AN ACT relating to the administration of government;

2   providing an appropriation for purposes of grants for

3   school crosswalk improvement and pedestrian bridge

4   planning, design and construction; specifying conditions

5   for grants; and providing for an effective date.

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7   *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9   **Section 1.**

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11   (a) There is appropriated ten million dollars

12   ($10,000,000.00) from the general fund to the Wyoming

13   department of transportation for the period beginning with

14   the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2028 to

15   be expended only for purposes of providing funds for school

16   crosswalk projects on state highways and for school

1 crosswalk   projects   on   roadways   of   cities,   towns   and

2 counties in accordance with subsection (b) of this section

3 and   for   administrative   expenses   in   accordance   with

4 subsection (c) of this section. This appropriation shall

5 not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and

6 any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this

7 appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30,

8 2028.   It   is   the   intent   of   the   legislature   that   this

9 appropriation not be included in the standard budget of the

10 department of transportation for any immediately succeeding

11 fiscal biennium.

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13   (b) The department of transportation shall expend or

14 distribute funds appropriated under subsection (a) of this

15 section to cities, towns, counties, agencies, political

16 subdivisions   and   any   other   entity   of   the   state   in

17 accordance with the following:

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19   (i) Funds   shall   only   be   expended   by   the

20 department, cities, towns, counties, agencies, political

21 subdivisions   and   any   other   entity   of   the   state   on

22 improvements   to   crosswalks   identified   in   a   local

23 transportation plan that support safe routes to school or

1 that are located within school zones where the speed limit

2 is reduced in accordance with W.S. 31-5-301(b)(i) or where

3 the crosswalk is immediately adjacent to a school facility.

4 For purposes of this paragraph, improvements to crosswalks

5 shall include:

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7   (A) Planning, design, construction and

8 installation of pedestrian overpasses;

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10   (B) Planning, design, construction and

11 installation of pedestrian underpasses or tunnels;

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13   (C) Improvements   to   existing   school

14 crosswalks, including improvements to existing pedestrian

15 overpasses, pedestrian underpasses, signage, signals,

16 lighting and the roadway adjacent to school crosswalks.

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18   (ii) The   department   shall   prioritize   the

19 expenditure and distribution of funds for school crosswalks

20 in the following order:

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22   (A) School crosswalks where a fatality has

23 occurred within the last two (2) years;

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2   (B) School crosswalks where an injury or

3 other accident has occurred within the last two (2) years;

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5   (C) Any other school crosswalk where the

6 department determines that there is a need for an

7 improvement specified in paragraph (i) of this subsection;

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9   (D) Any school crosswalk identified in a

10 local transportation plan.

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12   (iii) Before allowing expenditure of the funds

13 appropriated under this section, the department shall

14 require any city, town, county, agency, political

15 subdivision or any other entity of the state participating

16 in the grant program to provide not less than a twenty-five

17 percent (25%) match of any funds to be expended;

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19   (iv) Projects for school crosswalks shall be

20 completed not later than June 30, 2028.

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1   (c) The distribution of funds appropriated under this

2   act shall be in the same manner as the department currently

3   administers the transportation alternatives program.

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5   **Section 2**. This act is effective immediately upon

6   completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law

7   as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming

8   Constitution.

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10   (END)