

119TH CONGRESS  
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Bus Routes to  
5 School Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SAFE BUS ROUTES TO SCHOOL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 208 of title 23, United  
8 States Code, is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the  
2 following:

3           “(3) SCHOOL BUS ROUTE.—The term ‘school  
4 bus route’ means a designated course regularly trav-  
5 eled by a school bus for to-and-from transportation  
6 to pick up students and take them to school or to  
7 deliver students from school to their homes or to  
8 designated bus stops that are approved by the local  
9 education agency.”;

10           (2) in subsection (c)—

11           (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and”  
12 after the semicolon at the end;

13           (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-  
14 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15           (C) by adding at the end the following:

16           “(4) to facilitate the planning, development,  
17 and implementation of projects and activities that  
18 will support safer school bus routes and stops.”; and

19           (3) in subsection (g)—

20           (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

21           (i) by striking the period at the end  
22 and inserting “; and”;

23           (ii) by striking “may be used for the  
24 planning” and inserting the following:

25           “may be used for—

1 “(i) the planning”; and

2 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
3 lowing:

4 “(ii) the planning, design, and con-  
5 struction of infrastructure-related projects  
6 that will substantially improve the ability  
7 of students to safely wait for and take a  
8 school bus to and from school, including  
9 sidewalk improvements, traffic calming and  
10 speed reduction improvements, pedestrian  
11 crossing improvements, waiting areas at  
12 bus stops, and traffic diversion improve-  
13 ments on a school bus route.”; and

14 (B) in paragraph (2)(A)—

15 (i) by striking the period at the end  
16 and inserting “; and”;

17 (ii) by striking “noninfrastructure-re-  
18 lated activities to encourage” and inserting  
19 the following: “noninfrastructure-related  
20 activities—

21 “(i) to encourage”; and

22 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
23 lowing:

24 “(ii) to encourage safe school bus rid-  
25 ership, including public awareness cam-

1           paigns and outreach to press and commu-  
2           nity leaders, traffic education and enforce-  
3           ment in the vicinity of school bus routes,  
4           and student sessions on school bus safety  
5           rules.”.

6           (b) HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.—  
7 Section 148(a) of title 23, United States Code, is amend-  
8 ed—

9           (1) in paragraph (4)(B)—

10           (A) by redesignating clause (xxix) as  
11           clause (xxx);

12           (B) by inserting after clause (xxviii) the  
13           following:

14           “(xxix) Safe routes to school infra-  
15           structure-related projects described in sec-  
16           tion 208(g)(1).”; and

17           (C) in clause (xxx) (as redesignated), by  
18           striking “(xxviii)” and inserting “(xxix)”; and

19           (2) in paragraph (11)(B)(i), by inserting “and  
20           school bus stop safety” after “road users”.