

119TH CONGRESS  
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO 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—

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

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

8           (2) in subsection (c)—

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

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

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

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

17           (3) in subsection (g)—

18           (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

19           (i) by striking the period at the end  
20 and inserting “; and”;

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

23           “may be used for—

24           “(i) the planning”; and

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

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

13 (B) in paragraph (2)(A)—

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

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

20 “(i) to encourage”; and

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

23 “(ii) to encourage safe school bus rid-  
24 ership, including public awareness cam-  
25 paigns and outreach to press and commu-

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

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

8 (1) in paragraph (4)(B)—

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

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

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

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

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