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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to provide for school transportation  
2 safety committees; and to require transportation plans as  
3 prescribed.

4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The school board of each school district  
2 located within a city of the metropolitan, primary, first, or second  
3 class shall establish a school transportation safety committee for  
4 each school year. The committee shall be composed of:

5           (1) A representative of the school board, appointed by  
6 the school board;

7           (2) A representative of a parent-teacher association or  
8 parent-student-teacher association within the district, appointed by  
9 the school board from a list of names submitted by such associations  
10 within the school district;

11           (3) A member of the city council of the city in which the  
12 district is located, if any, or his or her designee, appointed by the  
13 chairperson of the city council;

14           (4) A member of the county board of commissioners of the  
15 county in which the district is located or his or her designee,  
16 appointed by the chairperson of the county board;

17           (5) The chief of police of the city in which or nearest  
18 to which the school district is located;

19           (6) The sheriff of the county in which the district is  
20 located or his or her designee;

21           (7) The county engineer of the county in which the  
22 district is located or his or her designee; and

23           (8) The city engineer, if any, of the city in which the  
24 district is located.

25           Sec. 2. The school transportation safety committee shall

1 receive suggestions and concerns from parents, teachers, and others  
2 on transportation issues relating to the district. At or before the  
3 end of school year 2013-14 and at or before the end of each school  
4 year thereafter, each school transportation safety committee shall  
5 review and submit to the State Department of Education, the Education  
6 Committee of the Legislature, and any affected city and county a  
7 child access routing plan for each school within the district.

8           Sec. 3. When a new school is proposed within the  
9 corporate limits of the city in which a school district is located or  
10 within three miles of the corporate limits of such city, the school  
11 transportation safety committee shall convene regular and ongoing  
12 public discussions regarding transportation. The school district  
13 shall also provide notice to each affected city and county planning  
14 entity when land is acquired for school purposes. The school  
15 transportation safety committee shall receive public input through  
16 mechanisms including, but not limited to, citizen panels, consensus  
17 conferences, and deliberative discussions. A neutral third party  
18 shall facilitate the discussions.

19           At the conclusion of such public discussions, the school  
20 transportation safety committee shall create a transportation plan  
21 for the new school that identifies areas of concern and any  
22 recommendations offered as a result of the public discussions and  
23 shall submit the transportation plan to the school board for the  
24 board's consideration. The board may approve or reject the  
25 transportation plan. If the board rejects the transportation plan,

1 the board shall return the plan to the school transportation safety  
2 committee. The committee shall revise and resubmit the plan to the  
3 board. The board shall not authorize the opening of a new school  
4 building in the district until it has implemented an approved  
5 transportation plan pursuant to this section.