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AN ACT

1 Providing for the Department of Transportation to conduct a  
2 study on school zone safety.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the School Zone  
7 Safety Study Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Department." The Department of Transportation of the  
13 Commonwealth.

14 "School zone." The section of a highway that is located in  
15 the vicinity of a school where school children, school traffic  
16 or their activities may affect the traffic on the highway, as  
17 provided for in 75 Pa.C.S. § 3365(b) (relating to special speed

1 limitations).

2 Section 3. School zone safety study.

3 The department shall conduct a study of school zone safety  
4 with special emphasis on the traffic-control devices that  
5 indicate the beginning and the end of the school zone and the  
6 school zone speed limit. The study shall consider:

7 (1) Whether changes should be made in the design or  
8 placement of the traffic-control devices to make them more  
9 visible to drivers.

10 (2) Whether changes should be made in the hours of  
11 operation of the traffic-control devices to make the hours of  
12 operation more compatible with activities taking place in and  
13 around schools.

14 (3) Whether currently installed traffic-control devices  
15 are properly maintained and not blocked by foliage or other  
16 obstructions.

17 (4) Whether other changes are necessary in school zones  
18 to promote the safety of school children and school  
19 employees.

20 (5) Whether changes should be made by legislation or in  
21 regulations that would result in safer school zones.

22 Section 4. Cooperation of other agencies.

23 The Department of Education, other State agencies and  
24 political subdivisions shall cooperate with the department by  
25 providing any information that the department requests for the  
26 study conducted under this act.

27 Section 5. Report.

28 Within one year of the effective date of this act, the  
29 department shall report to the Governor and to the General  
30 Assembly on the results of the study conducted under this act.

1 The report shall include administrative recommendations and a  
2 plan for implementing those recommendations. In addition, the  
3 report shall include any legislative recommendations resulting  
4 from the study.

5 Section 6. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect in 60 days.