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Representative Jon E. Stanard proposes the following substitute bill:

### SCHOOL BUS ROUTE GRANT PROGRAM

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jon E. Stanard**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### LONG TITLE

#### General Description:

This bill creates a grant program to fund certain school bus routes.

#### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ creates a grant program to provide transportation funding for routes that are unsafe for a student to walk; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

#### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

~~{None}~~ This bill appropriates:

- ▶ to the State Board of Education - Minimum School Program - To and From School - Pupil Transportation, as an ongoing appropriation:

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- from the Education Fund, \$1,000,000.

### Other Special Clauses:

None

### Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

**53A-17a-126**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 398

ENACTS:

**53A-17a-126.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-126** is amended to read:

**53A-17a-126. State support of pupil transportation.**

(1) Money appropriated to the State Board of Education for state-supported transportation of public school students shall be apportioned and distributed in accordance with Section 53A-17a-127, except as otherwise provided in this section or Section 53A-17a-126.5.

(2) (a) The Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind shall use its allocation of pupil transportation money to pay for transportation of their students based on current valid contractual arrangements and best transportation options and methods as determined by the schools.

(b) All student transportation costs of the schools shall be paid from the allocation of pupil transportation money specified in statute.

(3) (a) A school district may only claim eligible transportation costs as legally reported on the prior year's annual financial report submitted under Section 53A-3-404.

(b) The state shall contribute 85% of approved transportation costs, subject to budget constraints.

(c) If in a fiscal year the total transportation allowance for all districts exceeds the amount appropriated for that purpose, all allowances shall be reduced pro rata to equal not more than the amount appropriated.

Section 2. Section **53A-17a-126.5** is enacted to read:

**53A-17a-126.5. Grants for unsafe routes.**

(1) As used in this section:

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(a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

(b) "Transportation Advisory Committee" means the review committee for addressing school transportation needs described in Subsection 53A-17a-127(5).

(c) "Unsafe route" means a route between a student's residence and school that is:

(i) shorter than a distance described in:

(A) Subsection 53A-17a-127(1)(a) for a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade 6; or

(B) Subsection 53A-17a-127(1)(b) for a student enrolled in grades 7 through 12; and

(ii) due to a health or safety concern, dangerous for a student to walk.

(2) Subject to legislative appropriations ~~and this section, to fund transportation costs~~ for grants for unsafe routes provided under this section, the board shall:

(a) solicit proposals from school districts to receive a grant; and

(b) award grants to school districts.

(3) To receive a grant under this section, a school district shall submit a proposal to the board that:

(a) describes an unsafe route for which the school district intends to receive a grant; ~~and~~

(b) includes a written statement from the following describing why the route is unsafe ~~from~~:

(i) the school district;

(ii) local law enforcement; and

(iii) the municipality or county in which the described route is located ~~and~~; and

(c) includes other information as required by the board.

(4) (a) The Transportation Advisory Committee shall:

(i) evaluate a proposal submitted to the board under Subsection (3); and

(ii) make recommendations to the board regarding whether to fund the proposal.

(b) The board shall ~~award a grant to a school district based on~~ consider the recommendations of the Transportation Advisory Committee before awarding a grant described in Subsection (2)(b).

(5) In awarding a grant under this section, the board may not:

(a) contribute an amount exceeding 85% of the cost of an unsafe route funded by the

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grant; or

(b) award more than 15% of the appropriation under this section to a particular school district.

(6) The Transportation Advisory Committee shall:

(a) review each year an unsafe route funded by a grant; and

(b) make a recommendation to the board regarding whether the board, subject to legislative appropriations, should renew the grant.

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**Legislative Review Note**

~~Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel;~~ (7) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the board shall make rules to implement the grant program described in this section.

**Section 3. Appropriation.**

Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, the following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or amounts indicated. These sums of money are in addition to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2017.

To State Board of Education -- Minimum School Program -- To and From

School - Pupil Transportation

From Education Fund

\$1,000,000

Schedule of Programs:

Grants for Unsafe Routes

\$1,000,000

The Legislature intends that:

(1) the State Board of Education use the appropriation under this section to offer grants for unsafe routes described in Section 53A-17a-126.5; and

(2) the appropriations provided in this section be:

(a) ongoing; and

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(b) nonlapsing.