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S.B. No. 161

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to specialty license plates supporting the Safe Routes to School Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 504.648, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee [~~for issuance of the license plates~~] shall be deposited to the credit of the share the road account in the state treasury [~~state highway fund~~] and may only be used by the Texas Education Agency to support [~~for~~] the Safe Routes to School Program of a designated statewide nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to promote bicyclist safety, education, and access through:

(1) education and awareness programs; and
(2) training, workshops, educational materials, and media events.

(d) Up to 25 percent of the amount in Subsection (b) may be used to support the activities of the nonprofit organization in marketing and promoting the Safe Routes to School Program and the God Bless Texas and God Bless America license plates.

(e) The Texas Education Agency may use money received under this section to secure funds available under federal matching

1 programs for safe routes to school and obesity prevention.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.