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S.B. No. 161

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

16 (1) education and awareness programs; and

17 (2) training, workshops, educational materials, and
18 media events.

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

23 (e) The Texas Education Agency may use money received under
24 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.