1-1 By: Ellis   S.B. No. 161
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2008; February 10, 2009,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation and
1-4 Homeland Security; March 31, 2009, reported favorably by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 31, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7   AN ACT

1-8 relating to specialty license plates supporting the Safe Routes to
1-9 School Program.
1-10   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-11   SECTION 1.   Section 504.648, Transportation Code, is amended
1-12 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to
1-13 read as follows:
1-14   (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
1-15 costs, the remainder of the fee [for issuance of the license plates]
1-16 shall be deposited to the credit of the share the road account in
1-17 the state treasury [state highway fund] and may only be used by the
1-18 Texas Education Agency to support [for] the Safe Routes to School
1-19 Program of a designated statewide nonprofit organization whose
1-20 primary purpose is to promote bicyclist safety, education, and
1-21 access through:
1-22   (1) education and awareness programs; and
1-23   (2) training, workshops, educational materials, and
1-24 media events.
1-25   (d) Up to 25 percent of the amount in Subsection (b) may be
1-26 used to support the activities of the nonprofit organization in
1-27 marketing and promoting the Safe Routes to School Program and the
1-28 God Bless Texas and God Bless America license plates.
1-29   (e) The Texas Education Agency may use money received under
1-30 this section to secure funds available under federal matching
1-31 programs for safe routes to school and obesity prevention.
1-32   SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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