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LEGISLATIVE BILL 920

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Committee: Education

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to provide for school
2 transportation safety committees; and to require
3 transportation plans as prescribed.
4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Each school board shall establish a school
2 transportation safety committee for each school year. The committee
3 shall be composed of:

4 (1) A representative of the school board, appointed by
5 the school board;

6 (2) A representative of a parent-teacher association or
7 parent-student-teacher association within the district, appointed
8 by the school board from a list of names submitted by such
9 associations within the school district;

10 (3) A member of the city council of the city or the board
11 of trustees of the village in which the district is located, if
12 any, or his or her designee, appointed by the chairperson of the
13 city council or village board of trustees;

14 (4) A member of the county board of commissioners of the
15 county in which the district is located or his or her designee,
16 appointed by the chairperson of the county board;

17 (5) The chief of police of the city or village in which
18 or nearest to which the school district is located;

19 (6) The sheriff of the county in which the district is
20 located or his or her designee;

21 (7) The county engineer of the county in which the
22 district is located or his or her designee; and

23 (8) The city engineer of the city or village, if any, in
24 which the district is located.

25 Sec. 2. The school transportation safety committee shall

1 receive suggestions and concerns from parents, teachers, and others
2 on transportation issues relating to the district. At or before
3 the end of school year 2013-14 and at or before the end of each
4 school year thereafter, each school transportation safety committee
5 shall review and submit to the State Department of Education, the
6 Education Committee of the Legislature, and any affected city,
7 village, and county a child access routing plan for each school
8 within the district.

9 Sec. 3. When a new school is proposed within a school
10 district, the school transportation safety committee shall convene
11 regular and ongoing public discussions regarding transportation.
12 The school district shall also provide notice to each affected
13 city and county planning entities when land is acquired for
14 school purposes. The school transportation safety committee
15 shall receive public input through mechanisms including, but
16 not limited to, citizen panels, consensus conferences, and
17 deliberative discussions. A neutral third party shall facilitate
18 the discussions.

19 At the conclusion of such public discussions, the school
20 transportation safety committee shall create a transportation plan
21 for the new school that identifies areas of concern and any
22 recommendations offered as a product of the public discussions
23 and shall submit the transportation plan to the school board for
24 the board's consideration. The board may approve or reject the
25 transportation plan. If the board rejects the transportation plan,

1 the board shall return the plan to the school transportation safety
2 committee. The committee shall revise and resubmit the plan to the
3 board. The board shall not authorize the opening of a new school
4 building in the district until it has implemented an approved
5 transportation plan pursuant to this section.