

B.I.K.E Act

Bicycling In Kids' Education



WHAT IT IS

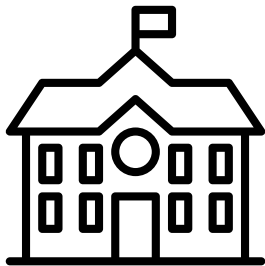
The Bicycling In Kids' Education (B.I.K.E) Act would make in-school bike education programs eligible for Sections 405 of State Highway Safety Program grant funding.

The State Highway Safety Program, established under the Highway Safety Act of 1966, was designed to fund education and enforcement programs aimed at reducing traffic crashes and resulting deaths and injuries. As vulnerable road user deaths rise across the country, it is pertinent this crucial grant funding is expanded to include vulnerable children on bikes.

WHAT IT DOES

- Specifies in-school, on bicycle education programs in elementary and secondary schools as eligible for Highway Safety Grants targeted to decreasing nonmotorized road user fatalities involving motor vehicles.
- Directs the Secretary of Transportation to update and disseminate curriculum for in school on bike education.

WHY IT MATTERS



- A study by the Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery found that students showed a significant improvement in bicycle safety knowledge after participating in an in-school bike education program.
- A Study on Bicycle Education for Children in the Transportation Research Record found that not only did in-school bicycle education lead to safer and more confident student bicycle riders. It found that a byproduct of teaching school-aged children about bicycle safety is that the children's parents are also likely to change their cycling behavior and attitudes towards using a bicycle.
- A study in the Journal of Pediatric Psychology found that students who took part in on-bicycle education, compared to students educated through videos or lectures, retained more knowledge. The study concluded that on bicycle experiential learning is a low cost, effective component of safety training packages.

SUPPORT THE B.I.K.E. ACT. TO TEACH CHILDREN TO BIKE SAFELY.

CO-SPONSOR THIS BILL

The B.I.K.E Act is sponsored by Representative Magaziner. To co-sponsor the bill, please contact Sean Higgins, sean.higgins@mail.house.gov.

