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House Bill 5094 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Michael C. Murphy
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CONTENT

The bill would create the "Jasmine Miles Schoolchildren Safety Act" within the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Require the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), a county road commission, or a local authority to establish school crossings considered necessary for the safety of schoolchildren on streets and highways under its jurisdiction.
- Require a school crossing to be established within a safe distance from a school located on a road having a speed limit of at least 25 miles per hour.
- Upon the school district superintendent's request, require the authority having jurisdiction over the road, the school district superintendent, and the chief of police of the local unit of government or the county sheriff to meet at least every five years to consider whether a traffic and engineering study should be conducted to determine whether a school crossing was required.

If those individuals determined by unanimous vote that a traffic and engineering study should be conducted, they would have to give written notice to the authority having jurisdiction to maintain the road, and the authority would have to conduct the study.

The Code currently permits, but does not require, MDOT, county road commissions, and local authorities to establish school crossings considered necessary for the safety of school children. The establishment of a school crossing must be based on a traffic and engineering study conducted by the road authority having jurisdiction, in consultation with the school district superintendent.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would increase the costs to State and local road agencies associated with any increase in the number of school crossings.

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