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House Bill 5094 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Michael C. Murphy
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to create the "Jasmine Miles Schoolchildren Safety Act", which would 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.
- Require the authority having jurisdiction over the road, in consultation of the school district superintendent, to conduct a traffic and engineering study at least every five years to determine whether a school crossing was necessary, if a crossing were not established.

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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