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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 231—ASSEMBLYMEN ATKINSON, HORNE, MCCLAIN, PARKS, ALLEN, ARBERRY JR., BUCKLEY, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GIUNCHIGLIANI, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, MANENDO, MCCLEARY, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PERKINS, PIERCE AND SIBLEY

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Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Requires local and regional governmental entities to conduct study of safe walking routes in certain area near schools. (BDR S-262)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public schools; requiring local and regional governmental entities to conduct a study of safe walking routes for pupils in a certain area near schools; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- 1 WHEREAS, There are over 385,000 pupils in the public school
- 2 system in the State of Nevada; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Pupils who live within 2 miles of the school that they
- 4 attend are not eligible for transportation by bus to and from school,
- 5 and therefore many of those pupils must walk both ways; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The safety of pupils walking between their homes
- 7 and their schools is of critical importance to the community; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The existence of paved walking paths and well-
- 9 maintained sidewalks increases the safety of those pupils; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Safe walking paths and sidewalks may also
- 11 encourage more pupils to walk to and from school, thus promoting
- 12 their overall health; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Both school districts and local governments play an
- 14 integral role in ensuring the safety of pupils as they travel to and
- 15 from school; and



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1 WHEREAS, An effective way of ensuring the safety of pupils is
2 to encourage school districts and local governments to cooperate in
3 developing safe walking routes and improving the conditions of
4 walking paths and sidewalks for pupils; now, therefore,

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6 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
7 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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9 **Section 1.** 1. In a county whose population is 100,000 or
10 more, the regional planning coalition created pursuant to NRS
11 278.02514 and the regional planning commission created pursuant
12 to NRS 278.0262 shall each, in conjunction with the county school
13 district and other local governments in the county, conduct a study
14 of safe walking routes for pupils to public schools in the county.

15 2. The study must include, without limitation:

16 (a) A review and evaluation of the existing walking paths and
17 sidewalks within a 1-mile radius of each public school located in the
18 county;

19 (b) Recommendations for improvements to the conditions of
20 those walking paths and sidewalks; and

21 (c) A review and evaluation of the programs currently
22 implemented in the county to ensure safe walking routes for pupils
23 to schools.

24 3. The regional planning coalition and regional planning
25 commission shall each submit a report of the results of its study to
26 the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the
27 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

28 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2005.

