

# State of Tennessee PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 385

#### **HOUSE BILL NO. 685**

## By Representatives Freeman, Hardaway, Camper, Clemmons

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 728

By Senators Campbell, Yarbro, Akbari

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54 and Title 55, relative to highway safety.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

#### 54-1-104.

- (a) The department of transportation shall identify locations of state and local government roads in this state where injuries to bicyclists and pedestrians are elevated in comparison to the statewide average. On or before February 15, 2024, the department of transportation, in consultation with the department of safety, local law enforcement agencies, and highway safety offices shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations regarding the development of a strategic statewide plan to increase pedestrian safety to the chairs of the transportation committee of the house of representatives and the transportation and safety committee of the senate.
- (b) From pedestrian and bicycle-related traffic crash data or other data available to, or collected by, the department of transportation, the department of safety, or local law enforcement agencies and highway safety offices, the department of transportation's report must identify the areas in this state that are elevated in comparison to the statewide average and identify intersection design factors or other factors that may have an impact regarding pedestrian and bicycle-related traffic crashes.
- (c) The department shall send a copy of the report to each of the five (5) local governments with the highest number of pedestrian safety problems.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: <u>April 21, 2023</u>	
_	CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
_	RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
APPROVED this day	of <u>May</u> 2023
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