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TRANSPORTATION

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a pilot project to place flashing traffic
2 control signals at certain intersections on highways in the
3 state.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. PILOT PROJECT -- PLACEMENT OF FLASHING TRAFFIC
2 SIGNALS. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section
3 321.257, the state department of transportation shall
4 establish a two-year pilot project by identifying five
5 intersections in the state that have traffic control signals
6 where there have been increased rates of traffic citations or
7 traffic accidents resulting from the failure to yield to or
8 obey traffic control signals at the intersection. The
9 department shall place or program traffic control signals at
10 each of the identified intersections so that the signals
11 provide a green light that flashes three times, at intervals
12 selected by the department, prior to turning yellow and then
13 red. If the intersections identified by the department for
14 the pilot project are under the jurisdiction of a governmental
15 subdivision, the department shall facilitate placement or
16 programming of the traffic control signals in coordination
17 with that governmental subdivision. The department shall
18 submit a report to the general assembly on or before December
19 1, 2004, regarding the pilot project and the department's
20 recommendations regarding whether to continue or expand the
21 project.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill requires the state department of transportation
24 to establish a two-year pilot project that identifies five
25 intersections in the state that have traffic control signals
26 where there have been increased rates of traffic citations or
27 accidents resulting from the failure to yield to or obey the
28 traffic control signals. The department is directed to place
29 or program traffic control signals at each of the identified
30 intersections so that the signals provide a green light that
31 flashes three times, at intervals selected by the department,
32 before turning yellow and then red. If the intersections
33 chosen by the department for the pilot project are under the
34 jurisdiction of a governmental subdivision, the department
35 shall coordinate placement or programming of the traffic

1 control signals in coordination with that governmental
2 subdivision. The department must submit a report to the
3 general assembly on or before December 1, 2004, regarding the
4 pilot project and the department's recommendations concerning
5 the continuation or expansion of the project.

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