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SUMMARY

- Specifically requires the Director of Transportation to notify any school located within one-half mile of a proposed additional state highway or significant change to an existing state highway that will be impacted by that additional highway or significant change.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Notification of Department of Transportation (ODOT) projects

Background

Under current law, the Director of Transportation must notify the general community and offer an opportunity for appropriate public involvement when:

- Establishing a new state highway; or
- Making a significant change to an existing state highway.

The opportunity for public involvement must meet requirements specified in the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. It may consist of activities such as public hearings or meetings, small group meetings with local officials, individual meetings, news releases, public notices, workshops, newsletters, electronic communications, radio announcements, mail notification, and other activities considered appropriate for the exchange of information. The opportunity for involvement must be provided in each county where the highway will be located or where the significant changes are proposed.¹

¹ R.C. 5511.01(B) and (C).

School notifications

The bill specifically requires the Director to notify any school located within one-half mile of a proposed additional state highway or significant change to an existing state highway that will be impacted by that additional highway or significant change.²

HISTORY

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² R.C. 5511.01(B) and (P).