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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Adam Siebers, Assistant Revisor

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Subject: Senate Bill No. 332

Summary

Senate Bill No. 332 prohibits the use of a mobile telephone while driving in a school zone or construction zone. The bill also prohibits use of a mobile telephone use by all individuals younger than 18 years of age while driving.

SB No. 332 – Prohibits all drivers from using a mobile telephone while drivers go through a school zone or construction zone. Additionally, drivers younger than 18 years of age would be prohibited from using a mobile telephone whenever such individual was driving a vehicle.

The bill provides exceptions allowing for the use of devices by: (1) law enforcement acting within the scope of employment; (2) a person operating a motor vehicle while such vehicle is lawfully parked; and (3) individuals who use hands-free devices.

Additionally, individuals would be allowed to use the mobile telephone in the following situations: (1) report current or ongoing illegal activity to law enforcement; (2) prevent imminent injury to a person or property; (3) summon medical or other emergency assistance; or (4) relay information between a transit or for-hire operator and the operator's dispatcher, if the device is permanently affixed to the motor vehicle.

Lastly, holding a mobile telephone (when use is restricted under the bill) would constitute prima facie evidence of a violation. The fine for an individual found guilty of violating this section would be \$60