

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 755**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Ammiano**

February 21, 2013

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An act to add Section 2415 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to bridges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 755, as introduced, Ammiano. Suicide barriers.

Existing law does not require bridges to be constructed with suicide barriers.

This bill would provide that the construction or reconstruction of a bridge designed for use by motor vehicles shall not be eligible for federal funds apportioned to the state, funds made available from the Highway Users Tax Account, or toll bridge funds unless the planning process for the bridge project takes into account the need for a suicide barrier. To the extent the bill would apply to bridges of local agencies, it would thereby impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2415 is added to the Streets and Highways  
2 Code, to read:

3 2415. The construction or reconstruction of a bridge designed  
4 for use by motor vehicles shall not be eligible for federal funds  
5 apportioned to the state, funds made available from the Highway  
6 Users Tax Account, or toll bridge funds unless the planning process  
7 for the bridge project takes into account the need for a suicide  
8 barrier.

9 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
10 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
11 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
12 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
13 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.