



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 255**

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**Chairperson:** Deb Fischer  
**Committee:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Date of Hearing:** February 17, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 255 requires that all school buses manufactured after January 1, 2010, and purchased for the transportation of school students, be equipped with lap/shoulder seat belts. The bill also requires that the students wear these belts, and specifically does not increase liability for school officials, volunteers, or bus drivers for the failure of students to wear the belts or misuse of the belts.

LB 255 does not require school districts to immediately purchase new school buses equipped with seat belts, but rather, when, in the normal course of business, a bus is purchased to transport students, the bus must be equipped with lap/shoulder seat belts. The bill does not increase liability to a school district for continuing to use already purchased or leased buses which are not equipped with such belts.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator John Harms**