

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 634 requires that any vehicle used by or on behalf of a school district or educational service unit for the transportation of students shall be equipped with three-point safety belt systems. The bill allows exemptions from the safety belt requirement for vehicles that were purchased or contracted for prior to the effective date of the bill. An exemption is also allowed if a majority of the school or ESU board vote that there is not sufficient capacity in the budget to accommodate the additional cost to purchase or contract for the vehicles with the required seat belts.

The new provisions shall not be construed to change any existing liability or create any new liability for schools or ESU's with respect to any injury to a passenger in a vehicle used by or on behalf of a district or ESU to transport students.

School Districts/ESU's: The requirement to have three-point safety belts for each passenger on a school bus or a vehicle used to transport students will increase the cost of new buses/vehicles beginning in FY 2019-20. Articles on the cost of vehicles indicate increased costs of \$7,000 to \$10,000 per vehicle that is equipped with the safety belt systems.

The bill will have an unknown fiscal impact for school districts and ESU's that purchase vehicles or contract for the transportation of public school children. It is possible that some school districts or ESU's may not have increased costs to purchase or contract for transportation vehicles if a school or ESU board, by majority vote, decides there is not the capacity in the budget to purchase such vehicles. Any increased spending by school districts for buses or transportation pursuant to the bill will increase needs in the state aid formula which may increase state aid two years after the spending increase occurs.

State Department of Education (NDE): The bill will require NDE to revise rules and regulations. It is assumed the rules can be revised with the existing staff and resources of the department.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 634	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Department of Education	
REVIEWED BY: Lee Will	DATE: 1/31/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4175	
COMMENTS: Concur with the Department of Education's assessment of no fiscal impact.			

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 634	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council	
REVIEWED BY: Lee Will	DATE: 2/1/2019	PHONE: (402) 471-4175	
COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the ESU's assessment of fiscal impact.			

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LB⁽¹⁾ 634

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Education

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ Eret Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1/29/19 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 471-2248

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

This bill would require any vehicle owned or contracted by a district or an ESU used to transport students be equipped with three-point safety belt systems with the following exceptions:

- Vehicles purchased prior to the effective date (no retrofit required).
- If a contract for transporting students was entered into prior to the effective date of the bill.
- If a majority vote of the governing board of the school or ESU each budget year confirms their budget cannot accommodate the purchase a school bus equipped with three-point safety belt systems.

Non-public schools would not be affected by this bill.

If this bill is approved, NDE Rule 91 (Driver Qualification and Operating Procedures) and NDE Rule 92 (School Bus Specifications and Inspection Criteria) would have to be revised to include this requirement.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council

Prepared by: ⁽³⁾ David M Ludwig Date Prepared: ⁽⁴⁾ 1-31-19 Phone: ⁽⁵⁾ 402/597-4915

ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
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GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

Within LB 634, any vehicle designed for student transportation be equipped with three-point safety belt systems may increase the expenditures for each ESU. Due to the needs of each individual ESU, it is difficult to determine the possible increased costs.

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Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
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TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____