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LB 1092

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 1092 requires that school buses purchased new on or after January 1, 2010 to transport public school children shall be equipped with lap-shoulder belts for each occupant. Instruction in the use of belts is to be provided at least twice per school year. The bill provides that the new provisions shall not be construed to increase or decrease the liability of school districts for injuries when a belt is not used or misused. It also shall not increase or decrease the liability of a district for the continued use of buses which are not equipped with lap-shoulder belts.

The requirement to have lap-shoulder belts for each passenger on a school bus will increase the cost of new buses beginning in 2009-10. Recent articles on the cost of buses with lap-shoulder belts indicate increased costs of \$8,000 to \$12,000 per bus, depending upon the size of the bus and type of seat belt configuration. The bill will have an unknown fiscal impact for school districts and/or other entities that transport public school children on buses beginning in 2009-10.

The bill will require NDE to revise two rules and regulations. It is assumed the rules can be revised with the existing resources of the department. Any increased spending by school districts for school buses will increase needs in the state aid formula which will increase state aid two years after the spending increase occurs.

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COMMENTS					
Concur with Department of Education's analysis of the bill as amended by Amendment 1974. The minimal fiscal impact to revise Rules 91 and 92 that could be absorbed with current resources of the department remains unchanged.					