

Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DOT 5/23/01

LRB Number 01-2862/1	Introduction Number SB-179	Estimate Type Original
Subject Crossing gates on school buses		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SB 179 requires Wisconsin school buses which are painted in compliance with s.374.44, Wis.Stats., to be equipped with a retractable crossing gate that prevents children from crossing in front of the bus in such proximity that they are not visible to the bus driver. The gates or safety control arms are mounted on the right side of the front bumper of the bus and are activated by the bus driver when children are being loaded or unloaded from the bus.

Currently, Tran 300.81 permits the installation of safety control arms, but does not establish guidelines for the specifications, installation or operation.

The estimated cost to retrofit a school bus with a safety control arm is \$250 per bus; the estimated cost of the control safety arm as part of standard equipment on a new bus is \$175 per bus. The Wisconsin School Bus association estimates that of the 10,000 school buses in operation in Wisconsin, 7,000 already have the safety control arms. Thus, SB 179 would require the 3000 school buses to either purchase new buses with the safety control arms as standard equipment or retrofit existing buses. The total cost to retrofit or replace the buses would depend upon the action required by the bus operators.

The Division of State Patrol within the Department of Transportation would be responsible for amending Trans 300 to establish the rules for the specifications, installation and operation of the safety control arms. These amendments to Trans 300 could be accomplished during routine DOT tasks and would not have a fiscal impact on DOT.

The State Patrol's instruction for school bus inspectors would be incorporated into routine training sessions and would not have a fiscal impact on the State Patrol.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

none

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2001 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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Crossing gates on school buses			
I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):			
Requiring crossing gates on school buses, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty.			
II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
	State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	
	(FTE Position Changes)		
	State Operations - Other Costs		
	Local Assistance		
	Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
	TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
	GPR		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
	GPR Taxes	\$	\$
	GPR Earned		
	FED		
	PRO/PRS		
	SEG/SEG-S		
	TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT			
		<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$0	\$unknown
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$0	\$0
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