

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1582

SHORT TITLE: Seat Belts on New School Buses

SPONSOR(S): Representative Hightower

	FISCAL IMPACT				
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1998-99</u>	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES					
Estimated cost to local school boards for seat belts on all new activity buses purchased after July 1, 1998.	\$165,240	\$171,023	\$177,009	183,204	189,617
Estimated cost to state for seat belts on all new school buses purchased after July 1, 1998.	\$2,088,000	\$2,161,080	\$2,234,160	\$2,307,240	\$2,380,320
POSITIONS:					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	State Board of Education, Department of Public Instruction, Local Boards of Education				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	July 1, 1998				

BILL SUMMARY: Requires the installation of seat belts on all activity buses purchased after July 1, 1998. Local school boards purchase all activity buses. The bill also requires the installation of seat belts on all new school buses purchased by the state after July 1, 1998.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

1. Activity buses are purchased by local school systems.
2. Currently there are an estimated 1,950 activity buses owned by local school systems.
3. Local School systems purchase an estimated 85 activity buses per year. The average capacity is 54 students per bus.
4. The state purchases all replacement school buses.
5. The state will purchase an average of 1,000 buses per year, with an average capacity of 58 students per bus.
6. Costs to purchase new buses equipped with seat belts:

	Seat Belt Cost	
	Bus Size	Total Additional
	# Passengers	Cost Per Bus
@\$36 per pupil	66	\$2,376
	54	\$1,944
	36	\$1,296
	22	\$792
	14	\$504

7. Assume 3.5% inflation per year

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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