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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 896

February 9, 2016 - Introduced by Representatives MACCO, KAHL, BERCEAU, BROSTOFF, JOHNSON, KREMER, T. LARSON, A. OTT, POPE, ROHRKASTE, SKOWRONSKI, SUBECK and THIESFELDT, cosponsored by Senators HANSEN and COWLES. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 347.25 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** warning lights on school  
2           buses.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a school bus must be equipped with a 360-degree flashing white strobe light and either flashing red warning lights or flashing red and amber warning lights. Under this bill, a school bus of model year 2005 or later must be equipped with a 360-degree flashing white strobe light and flashing red and amber warning lights. A school bus of model year 2004 or earlier must be equipped as provided under current law.

For further information see the ***state and local*** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3           **SECTION 1.** 347.25 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4           347.25 (2) No person may operate a school bus which of a model year of 2004  
5           or earlier that is painted as provided in s. 347.44 unless it is equipped with a  
6           360-degree flashing white strobe light having a flashrate of 60 to 120 per minute and

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1 either flashing red warning lights or flashing red and amber warning lights. No  
2 person may operate a school bus of a model year of 2005 or later that is painted as  
3 provided in s. 347.44 unless it is equipped with a 360-degree flashing white strobe  
4 light having a flashrate of 60 to 120 per minute and flashing red and amber warning  
5 lights. The secretary shall prescribe rules for the type, installation, operation, and  
6 light output brilliance of the lights required under this subsection. No vehicle may  
7 be equipped with the warning and strobe lights required under this subsection  
8 unless it also is painted as provided in s. 347.44.

9 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

10 (1) This act takes effect on August 1, 2016.

11 (END)