



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number <b>07-2668/1</b>	Introduction Number <b>AB-0644</b>	Estimate Type <b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> Vehicle inspections of school buses and alternative vehicles, extending the time limit for emergency rule procedures, providing an exemption from emergency rule procedures, requiring the exercise of rule-making authority, and making an appropriation		

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

#### State Estimate:

Current law requires annual inspections of alternative school vehicles, 2007 AB-644 requires these annual inspections to be performed by the Wisconsin State Patrol. Alternative school vehicles include any vehicle transporting a pupil that is owned or leased by a school or school bus contractor or is operated by a school district employee. There are 426 public school districts with 2,234 schools. There are more than 163,000 public school employees. There are another 1,067 private schools in Wisconsin.

Assuming a very conservative one alternative vehicle inspection per public and private school building in Wisconsin it would take an additional 6.6 FTEs to complete these 3,301 inspections. Trooper/Inspectors earn wage and fringe of \$45.28 per hour. This translates to \$621,535 annually. There would be additional costs for forms, decals, and a database as well.

#### Local Estimate:

The average school bus inspection cost is \$95. If the Department were to charge a fee of \$95 to recover a portion of its expenses for alternative vehicle inspections, \$313,595 would be collected annually. In addition, under the bill's language, the State Patrol would be required to charge the same amount for inspections of school buses. The State Patrol inspects in excess of 10,000 school buses per year. By charging \$95,000 for school buses and \$313,595 for alternative vehicles, school districts would be paying an additional \$1,263,595 per year. A certain percentage of these alternative school vehicles will likely not pass inspection and will be required to be repaired or replaced by the school as well.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Same as above if there were no increase in inspections.