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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,
TO 2007 ASSEMBLY BILL 203**

May 2, 2007 - Offered by Representative SHERIDAN.

1 **AN ACT to create** 347.447 of the statutes; **relating to:** electronic seat check
2 reminders on school buses, granting rule-making authority, and providing a
3 penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, school buses must be painted yellow and black and must have the words "SCHOOL BUS" in black letters at least eight inches high written on the front and back of the bus. A school bus painted in this manner may not be operated unless it is equipped with flashing red signals and with a 360-degree flashing white strobe light. Current law also allows the Department of Transportation (DOT) to prescribe rules requiring additional equipment for school buses.

This substitute amendment requires any school bus that is painted yellow and black to be equipped with an electronic seat check reminder system that will require the school bus driver to walk to the rear of the bus past each seat to check for passengers remaining in the bus and deactivate the system or an alarm will sound if the driver attempts to exit the bus. The substitute amendment also requires DOT to prescribe rules for the specifications, installation, and operation of these electronic seat check reminder systems. Any person who operates a school bus that is not

