

BILL HISTORY FOR SENATE BILL 179 (LRB -2862)

An Act to create 347.445 of the statutes; relating to: requiring crossing gates on school buses, granting rule-making authority, and providing a penalty. (FE)

2001

- 05-16. S. Introduced by Senators **Grobschmidt, Plache, Burke, Risser** and **Shibilski**; cosponsored by Representatives **Plale, Urban, Sinicki, Turner, Ryba, Ott, Morris-Tatum** and **Wasserman**.
- 05-16. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Education 196
- 05-23. S. Public hearing held.
- 05-23. S. Executive action taken.
- 05-25. S. Fiscal estimate received.
- 06-05. S. Report passage recommended by committee on Education, Ayes 10, Noes 0 208
- 06-05. S. Available for scheduling.

2002

- 01-24. S. Placed on calendar 1-29-2002 by committee on Senate Organization.
- 01-29. S. Senator Moore added as a coauthor 533
- 01-29. S. Considered for action at this time 534
- 01-29. S. Read a second time 534
- 01-29. S. Ordered to a third reading 534
- 01-29. S. Rules suspended 534
- 01-29. S. Read a third time and **passed** 534
- 01-29. S. Ordered immediately messaged 538
- 01-31. A. Received from Senate 621
- 01-31. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Education 622
- 02-18. A. Assembly amendment 1 offered by Representative Hundertmark (**LRB a1282**) 661
- 02-19. A. Public hearing held.
- 02-20. A. Executive action taken.
- 02-25. A. Report Assembly amendment 1 adoption recommended by committee on Education, Ayes 12, Noes 0 ... 677
- 02-25. A. Report concurrence as amended recommended by committee on Education, Ayes 12, Noes 0 677
- 02-25. A. Referred to committee on Rules 677
- 03-05. A. Placed on calendar 3-7-2002 by committee on Rules.
- 03-07. A. Rules suspended to withdraw from calendar and take up 732
- 03-07. A. Read a second time 732
- 03-07. A. Assembly amendment 1 **adopted** 732
- 03-07. A. Ordered to a third reading 732
- 03-07. A. Rules suspended 732
- 03-07. A. Read a third time and **concurred in** as amended, Ayes 98, Noes 0 732
- 03-07. A. Ordered immediately messaged 733
- 03-07. S. Received from Assembly amended and concurred in as amended, Assembly amendment 1 adopted 617
- 03-07. S. Available for scheduling.
- 03-11. S. Placed on calendar 3-12-2002 by committee on Senate Organization.
- 03-12. S. Assembly amendment 1 **concurred in**.
- 03-12. S. Action ordered immediately messaged.

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Amendments to above (if none, write "NONE"): AA1

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May 16, 2001 – Introduced by Senators GROBSCHMIDT, PLACHE, BURKE, RISSER and SHIBILSKI, cosponsored by Representatives PLALE, URBAN, SINICKI, TURNER, RYBA, OTT, MORRIS-TATUM and WASSERMAN. Referred to Committee on Education.

- 1 **AN ACT to create** 347.445 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring crossing gates
2 on school buses, granting rule-making authority, and providing a 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. These DOT rules currently require every school bus that is painted yellow and black to be equipped with a stop signal arm, and the rules also provide specifications for the stop signal arm. These rules also allow, but do not require, a school bus to be equipped with a safety control arm mounted on the right side of the bumper.

This bill requires any school bus that is painted yellow and black to be equipped, on the front, with a retractable crossing gate that, when in use, prevents children from crossing in front of the bus in such proximity that they are not visible to the bus driver. The bill also requires DOT to prescribe rules for the specifications, installation, and operation of these crossing gates. Any person who operates a school bus that is not equipped with the required crossing gate may be required to forfeit not less than \$10 nor more than \$200.

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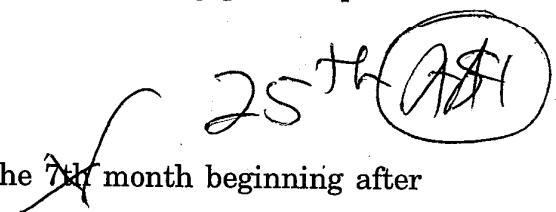
For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** 347.445 of the statutes is created to read:

2 **347.445 Crossing gates for school buses.** No person may operate a school
3 bus that is painted as provided in s. 347.44 unless it is equipped with a retractable
4 crossing gate on the front of the bus that, when in use, prevents children from
5 crossing in front of the school bus in such proximity that they are not visible to the
6 operator of the school bus from the operator's seat. The secretary shall prescribe
7 rules for the specifications, installation, and operation of crossing gates required
8 under this section.

9 **SECTION 2. Effective date.**

10 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the ~~7th~~ ^{25th} month beginning after
11 publication. 

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