

### Fiscal Estimate - 2003 Session

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**LRB Number 03-2317/5**      **Introduction Number SB-350**

**Subject**  
School bus endorsements and background checks for other vehicles transporting pupils ( school vans )

**Fiscal Effect**

**State:**

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
  - Increase Existing Appropriations
  - Decrease Existing Appropriations
  - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
  - Yes
  - No
- Decrease Costs

**Local:**

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
  - 1.  Increase Costs
    - Permissive  Mandatory
  - 2.  Decrease Costs
    - Permissive  Mandatory
  - 3.  Increase Revenue
    - Permissive  Mandatory
  - 4.  Decrease Revenue
    - Permissive  Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
  - Towns       Village       Cities
  - Counties       Others
  - School Districts       WTCS Districts

**Fund Sources Affected**      **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEGS 20.395(5)(cq)

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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

#### BILL SUMMARY

SB350 relates to background checks for transporters of school pupils as follows:

- Requires DMV to perform background checks on School Bus drivers every four years compared to every eight years under current law and to keep a record of the date the check was completed.
- Requires school boards and districts to perform background checks for any drivers transporting pupils who don't have a school bus endorsement.
- Requires any driver transporting pupils to report any crashes, criminal convictions or driver licensing actions against them and creates a forfeiture for failing to report.
- Requires employers and contractors of pupil transporters to keep records for their drivers.
- Requires background investigation in previous state(s) of residence for drivers who have lived in Wisconsin for less than 2 years, allows the department to collect fingerprints as part of the investigation and authorizes the department to collect a fee for the investigation.
- Increases the fee for obtaining a school bus endorsement by \$5.
- Modifies the types of driver record and criminal offenses that make a person ineligible to obtain a school bus endorsement and/or transport pupils and requires the department to promulgate a rule specifying additional eligibility criteria.
- Requires DMV to modify license application to allow drivers to declare if they are on the Abuse Registry maintained by the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) and requires the department, in consultation with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), DOJ, and DHFS to study the costs and benefits of automating the checking of this registry.

#### COST SUMMARY

\$103,200 One-time cost increase for modifications to driver licensing systems.

No ongoing cost increase for additional FTE.

\$10,000 ongoing cost increase for additional background checks to the Department of Justice (DOJ).

\$10,000 ongoing revenue increase for collection of additional fees for school bus endorsements. This money is appropriated to DMV.

Indeterminate ongoing revenue increase for collection of background check fees.

Indeterminate ongoing local cost increase for school boards and districts to perform background checks.

#### BASIS FOR COST ITEMS

Modifications to DMV's automated systems to generate notifications for drivers every four years requires and estimated 132 days of programming at \$560 per day plus \$222 per day CPU usage (132 days @ \$782 = \$103,224).

We estimate any increased workload will be offset by efficiencies gained with modifications to automated systems.

Checking each school bus applicant every four years will generate an additional 2000 background checks per year. DOJ charges DMV \$5 per check (2000 background checks @ \$5 each = \$10,000).

We estimate DMV issues 2000 licenses with school bus endorsements each year. This bill increases the fee for the endorsement by \$5 (2000 endorsements @ \$5 each = \$10,000).

We have no reasonable way of estimating the number of school bus endorsement applicants who have lived in Wisconsin for less than two years. Therefore, we have no way of estimating how many background check fees DMV would collect.

We have no reasonable way of estimating the number of non-school bus endorsed drivers schools may use to transport pupils. Some school districts already require background checks for these individuals. Therefore we have no way of estimating the additional costs to school boards and districts for conducting background checks.

### **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

None

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2003 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>			
\$103,200 One-time cost increase for modifications to driver licensing systems.			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$	
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs		10,000	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S (20.395(5)(cq))		10,000	
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)</b>			
		Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes		\$	\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S (20.395(5)(cq))		10,000	
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
		State	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS		\$10,000	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE		\$10,000	\$
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