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Gary, Aaron

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To:

Gary, Aaron

Subject:

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Attachments: AB-937.pdf

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From: Clark, Lloyd

Sent: Friday, January 23, 2009 12:20 PM

To: LRB.Legal

Subject: Bill Draft Request

Date: January 23, 2009

Legislator: Rep. Molepske

Staff Contact: Lloyd Clark 267-9649

Bill Description:

Redraft of 2007 AB-937 (attached)

relating to: school bus seating positions and providing a penalty.

This bill would:

This bill prohibits a person from operating a school bus if any child is seated in a seating position in the rearmost two rows of the school bus, unless all seating positions except those in the rearmost two rows are occupied. A person who violates this prohibition may be required to forfeit not less than \$20 nor more than \$40 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the second or subsequent conviction within one year.

Some provisions may already exist in current Wisconsin statute.

PRIORITY: This bill should be given priority over bills previously submitted by Rep. Molepske for

drafting.

Keep Confidential.

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March 11, 2008 – Introduced by Representative Molepske. Referred to Committee on Transportation.



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

- **Section 1.** 346.94 (20) of the statutes is created to read:
- 346.94 (20) SCHOOL BUS SEATING POSITIONS. (a) Except as provided in par. (b), no person may operate a school bus if any child is seated in a seating position in the rearmost 2 rows of the school bus.
 - (b) If all seating positions in all rows except the rearmost 2 rows of the school bus are occupied, any child may be seated in a seating position in the 2nd to the

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(1) This act first applies to vehicles operated on the effective date of this
subsection.
Section 4. Effective date.
(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after
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Gary, Aaron

From:

Clark, Lloyd

Sent:

Thursday, February 12, 2009 12:08 PM

To:

Gary, Aaron

Subject: Submitted: LRB 09-1748/1 Topic: School bus seating positions?body=

Hi Aaron,

We would ask to have the following changes made to LRB 09-1748

1) Instruct DPI to appoint a person responsible for transpiration issues;

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- 3) Remove 346.48(2)(b)2 and adjust statutes accordingly.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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Gary, Aaron

From: Grant, Peter

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 2:19 PM

To: Gary, Aaron
Cc: Kuczenski, Tracy

Subject: RE: Submitted: LRB 09-1748/1 Topic: School bus seating positions?body=

I talked to Lloyd. A constitutent was under the impression that DPI had eliminated the position. I assured him that they still have someone who is their transportation person, Merry Larsen, so he withdrew that part of the instructions.

From: Gary, Aaron

Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2009 2:09 PM

To: Grant, Peter; Kuczenski, Tracy

Subject: FW: Submitted: LRB 09-1748/1 Topic: School bus seating positions?body=

Can either of you help me with item 1) below?

Thanks. Aaron

Aaron R. Gary Attorney, Legislative Reference Bureau 608.261.6926 (voice) 608.264.6948 (fax) aaron.gary@legis.state.wi.us

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

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This bill modifies the requirements and restrictions relating to school bus drivers' use of flashing red lights. The bill allows a school bus driver, without activating flashing red lights, to stop to load or unload passengers on a highway's right-hand shoulder, entirely off the traveled portion of the highway, if weather and shoulder conditions allow the stop to be made with reasonable safety. The bill removes the general prohibition against the use of flashing red lights in a residence or business district where a sidewalk and curb are laid on both sides of the road. The bill also prohibits, with certain exceptions, the use of flashing red lights in any school bus loading area entirely off the traveled portion of the highway, not just in "special" loading areas. With respect to flashing red light activation requirements and restrictions, the bill eliminates distinctions based upon whether the school bus stop is in a business or residence district or whether there is a curb or sidewalk. Under the bill, whenever a bus driver stops to load or unload passengers and does not activate the warning lights, the bus driver must activate the bus's hazard lights. Other motorists need not stop for a school bus displaying hazard lights.

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SECTION 1. 346.48 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:



346.48 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the operator of a school bus equipped with flashing red warning lights as specified in s. 347.25 (2) shall actuate such lights at least 100 feet before stopping to load or unload pupils or other authorized passengers, and shall not extinguish such lights until loading or unloading is completed and persons who must cross the highway are safely across. Where the curb and sidewalk are laid on one side of the road only, the operator shall use the flashing red warning lights when loading or unloading passengers from either side.

History: 1973 c. 93; 1975 c. 18, 120, 429; 1985 a. 287, 301; 1987 a. 125.

SECTION 2. 346.48 (2) (b) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 346.48 (2) (b) and amended to read:

346.48 (2) (b) (intro.) School bus operators shall not use the flashing red warning lights in: 1. Special school bus loading and unloading areas where the bus is entirely off the traveled portion of the highway, unless required to do so by municipal ordinance enacted under s. 349.21 (1).

History: 1973 c. 93; 1975 c. 18, 120, 429; 1985 a. 287, 301; 1987 a. 128.

SECTION 3. 346.48 (2) (b) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 346.48 (2) (bm) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.48 (2) (bm) Except as provided in par. (b) 2. or unless Unless prohibited by municipal ordinance enacted under s. 349.21 (2), and notwithstanding par. (b), a school bus operator shall use the flashing red warning lights as provided in par. (a) in a zone designated by "school" warning signs as provided in s. 118.08 (1) in which a street or highway borders the grounds of a school when pupils or other authorized



passengers are loaded or unloaded directly from or onto the school grounds or that
portion of the right-of-way between the roadway and the school grounds.

History: 1973 c. 93; 1975 c. 18, 120, 429; 1985 a. 287, 301; 1987 a. 125.

SECTION 5. 346.48 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.48 (3) If the operator of a motor vehicle overtakes a school bus which that is stopped and is loading or unloading to load or unload pupils or other authorized passengers at an intersection on the right side of a roadway in a business or residence district in which the display of the flashing red warning lights on the school bus is not permitted and that is displaying its hazard lights as provided in sub. (5), the operator shall pass at a safe distance to the left of the school bus and, if the school bus is stopped at an intersection, shall not turn to the right in front of the school bus at that intersection.

History: 1973 c. 93; 1975 c. 18, 120, 429; 1985 a. 287, 301 \times 87 a. 125. SECTION 6. 346.48 (4) and (5) of the statutes are created to read:

346.48 (4) Notwithstanding s. 346.05, a school bus operator may stop to load or unload pupils or other authorized passengers at a location where the school bus is on the right-hand shoulder, and entirely off the traveled portion, of the highway if weather and shoulder conditions allow the stop to be made with reasonable safety.

346.48 (5) If a school bus operator stops to load or unload a pupil or other

authorized passenger and the use the flashing red warning lights is not required under this section or a municipal ordinance enacted under s. 349.21 (1), the school bus operator shall actuate the vehicular hazard lights specified in s. 347.26 (11) (a) before stopping and shall not extinguish such lights until loading or unloading is completed.

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SECTION 7.	349.21 (1	.) of the statutes is amended to	read:

349.21 (1) The governing body of any town, city, village or county may by ordinance provide for the use of flashing red warning lights by school bus operators in a residence or business district when pupils or other authorized passengers are to be loaded or unloaded at a location at which there are no traffic signals and such persons must cross the street or highway before being loaded or after being unloaded.

History: 1973 c. 93; 1987 a. 125.

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DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ATTN: Lloyd Clark

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AN ACT to repeat 346.48 (2) (b) 2.; to consolidate, renumber and amend 346.48 (2) (b) (intro.) and 1.; to amend 346.48 (2) (a), 346.48 (2) (bm), 346.48 (3), 346.95 (1) and 349.21 (1); and to create 346.48 (4) and (5) and 346.94 (20) of the statutes; relating to: school bus seating positions and passenger loading and unloading and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law generally requires the driver of a vehicle approaching a school bus that is stopped on a highway and that is displaying flashing red lights to stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and to remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the school bus driver turns off the flashing red lights. Current law also requires, with certain exceptions, a school bus driver to activate flashing red lights at least 100 feet before stopping to load or unload pupils or other authorized passengers (passengers); these lights must remain activated until loading or unloading is completed and until any person who must cross the highway is safely across. Under one exception, the school bus driver may not activate the flashing red lights when loading or unloading in a special loading area where the bus is entirely off the traveled portion of the highway. Under another exception, the school bus driver may not activate the flashing red lights when loading or unloading in a residence or business district where a sidewalk and curb are laid on both sides of the road, unless there is no traffic signal where the loading or unloading occurs, the person being loaded or unloaded must cross the highway, and a local ordinance

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and 346.51(1)

346.48 (4) Notwithstanding s. 346.05, a school bus operator may stop to load or unload pupils or other authorized passengers at a location where the school bus is on the right-hand shoulder, and entirely off the traveled portion, of the highway if weather and shoulder conditions allow the stop to be made with reasonable safety.

(5) If a school bus operator stops to load or unload a pupil or other authorized passenger and the use of the flashing red warning lights is not required under this section or a municipal ordinance enacted under s. 349.21 (1), the school bus operator shall actuate the vehicular hazard lights specified in s. 347.26 (11) (a) before stopping and shall not extinguish such lights until loading or unloading is completed.

SECTION 7. 346.94 (20) of the statutes is created to read:

346.94 (20) SCHOOL BUS SEATING POSITIONS. (a) Except as provided in par. (b), no person may operate a school bus if any child is seated in a seating position in the rearmost 2 rows of the school bus.

(b) If all seating positions in all rows except the rearmost 2 rows of the school bus are occupied, any child may be seated in a seating position in the 2nd to the rearmost row until all seating positions in that row are occupied, and then any child may be seated in a seating position in the rearmost row of the school bus.

SECTION 8. 346.95 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.95 (1) Any person violating s. 346.87, 346.88, 346.89 (2), 346.90 to 346.92, or 346.94 (1), (9), (10), (11), (12) er, (15), or (20) may be required to forfeit not less than \$20 nor more than \$40 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 for the 2nd or subsequent conviction within a year.

SECTION 9. 349.21(1) of the statutes is mended to read.

349.21 (1) The governing body of any town, city, village or county may by ordinance provide for the use of flashing red warning lights by school bus operators

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in a residence or business district when pupils or other authorized passengers are to be loaded or unloaded at a location at which there are no traffic signals and such persons must cross the street or highway before being loaded or after being unloaded.

SECTION 10. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to vehicles operated on the effective date of this subsection.

SECTION 11. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 3rd month beginning after publication.

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Under this bill, a school bus stopped to load or unload passengers must display flashing red lights, regardless of whether the school bus is on or off the traveled portion of a highway.

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SECTION 1. 346.48 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

346.48 (1) The operator of a vehicle which approaches from the front or rear any school bus which that has stopped on a street or highway when the bus is equipped according to s. 347.25 (2) and when it and is displaying the flashing red warning lights, specified in s. 347.25 (2) shall stop the vehicle not less than 20 feet from the bus and shall remain stopped until the bus resumes motion or the operator extinguishes the flashing red warning lights. The operator of any school bus which that approaches from the front or rear any school bus which has stopped and is displaying flashing red warning lights shall display its flashing red lights while stopped. This subsection does not apply to operators of vehicles proceeding in the opposite direction on a divided highway.

History: 1973 c. 93; 1975 c. 18, 120, 429; 1985 a. 287, 301; 1987 a. 125.

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