

**2015 DRAFTING REQUEST**

**Bill**

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Require amber lights on school buses of model year 2005 or later

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**Instructions:**

See attached

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**Mueller, Eric**

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**From:** Wadd, Jay  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 24, 2015 12:38 PM  
**To:** Mueller, Eric  
**Subject:** Drafting Request

Hi, Eric,

We would like to draft a bill to require the use of amber lights on all school busses built after 2004.

Bus drivers would be required to turn on the flashing amber lights at least 300 feet before stopping in a 45 miles per hour zone or at least 100 feet before stopping in a zone that is less than 45 miles per hour.

We would want the bill to require these changes by August of 2016. Below are links that discuss the amber light issue and what current law requires with respect to the use of amber and red lights on school busses:

WBAY story on State Patrol support for amber light requirement:

<http://wbay.com/2015/09/21/brake4buses-state-patrol-pushes-for-amber-light-requirement/>

Current law regarding use of red and amber lights:

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/ask/just-ask-us/just-ask-us-school-bus-laws/article\\_10a0d6a6-f0d3-5c7e-8a87-5d9e0a7ea633.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/ask/just-ask-us/just-ask-us-school-bus-laws/article_10a0d6a6-f0d3-5c7e-8a87-5d9e0a7ea633.html)

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Jay

Jay Wadd  
Office of Senator Dave Hansen  
68-266-5670



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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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1 **AN ACT ...; relating to:** warning lights on school buses.

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a school bus must be equipped with a 360-degree flashing white strobe light and either flashing red warning lights or flashing red and amber warning lights. Under this bill, a school bus of model year 2005 or later must be equipped with a 360-degree flashing white strobe light and flashing red and amber warning lights. A school bus of model year 2004 or earlier must be equipped as provided under current law.

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

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7 unless it also is painted as provided in s. 347.44.

8 Cross-reference: Cross-reference: Cross-reference: See also ch. Trans 300, Wis. adm. code. Cross-reference:  
History: 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (c); 1977 c. 228; 1979 c. 54, 149; 1983 a. 56; 1985 a. 143; 1987 a. 126; 1989 a. 69; 1991 a. 73, 142; 1993 a. 369; 1995 a. 31, 190; 1997 a.  
31, 117; 2007 a. 20, 177; 2009 a. 46; 2013 a. 95, 96, 313, 377.

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