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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6614**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1296**

**DATE PREPARED:** Dec 10, 1998

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** School Bus Flashing Lights

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill would require that the State School Bus Committee (the Committee) review existing state and federal requirements for the display of flashing yellow and red signal lamps by a school bus coming to a stop in order to load or unload children. The Committee would be required to determine the following: 1) whether children's safety could be increased by requiring the earlier display of flashing red signal lamps; and 2) the feasibility of amending state laws and rules, and requesting a change in federal regulations to require the earlier display of red signal lamps.

It would require the Committee to report its findings to the Legislative Council by December 1, 1999.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Committee is composed of seven voting members and five non-voting members representing various organizations. The Committee is required by law to hold one regular meeting each month of the calendar year, and may hold special meetings as the chair deems necessary. The chair is currently the Director of School Traffic Safety, Department of Education (School Traffic Safety). The Committee is administratively supported by School Traffic Safety.

The provisions of the bill would not likely require that the Committee: 1) hold additional meetings per month; 2) incur additional costs and/or administrative time in studying the items numerated in this bill; or 3) incur additional costs in reporting Committee findings to the Legislative Council by December 1, 1999.

The Committee could likely fulfill all requirements of this bill through existing financial resources.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Pete Baxter, Department of Education, 317/232-0890.