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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7005
BILL NUMBER: HB 1198

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2007
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Buses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pflum
FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill modifies the registration cycle for school buses not owned by a school corporation. It requires that a school bus not owned by a school corporation must be registered before August 1 of each year. The bill permits a school bus not owned by a school corporation that is registered after January 31 for the prior calendar year to be registered at one-half the regular rate. This bill provides that a license plate for a school bus not owned by a school corporation issued before March 1, 2007, may be displayed through July 31, 2008.

The bill also sets standards for the use of strobe lights on a school bus, and provides that a school bus driver may operate a strobe light only when the school bus transports students during periods of reduced visibility. It makes conforming amendments.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: For the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), there will be computer changes estimated at \$6,450 to comply with the modification of the registration cycle for school buses not owned by a school corporation. The fund affected is the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund which supports the BMV. For CY 2005, the BMV reports that there were approximately 3,000 school buses in the state not owned by a school corporation.

Explanation of State Revenues: Because of the change in the registration cycle for school buses not owned by a school corporation, there may be a delay in the receipt of annual registration revenue. The funds that receive registration fee revenue are the Motor Vehicle Highway Account, Crossroads 2000, the State Police Building Fund, and the State License Branch Fund.

Fund	Uses
Motor Vehicle Highway Account	Construction, reconstruction, and maintenance, along with supporting the BMV, the State Police, the Dept. of Transportation, and the State Department of Revenue
Public Safety Fee	Deposited into a special account known as the State Police Building Account which does not revert to the state General Fund, or the Motor Vehicle Highway Account and is used for construction, maintenance, and equipping of and/or leasing of State Police facilities.
Crossroads 2000 Fund	Bonding for highway projects
State License Branch Fund	Supports the operation of the license branches throughout the state

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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