

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 1646 (Proposed Committee Substitute)

SHORT TITLE: Seat Belts on School Activity Buses

SPONSOR(S):

	FISCAL IMPACT				
	Yes (X)	No ()	No Estimate Available ()		
	<u>FY 1998-99</u>	<u>FY 1999-00</u>	<u>FY 2000-01</u>	<u>FY 2001-02</u>	<u>FY 2002-03</u>
REVENUES					
EXPENDITURES					
Estimated expenditures by the State Board of Education to pay for seat belts on all new activity buses.	\$165,240	\$171,023	\$177,009	183,204	189,617
POSITIONS:					
PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:	State Board of Education, Department of Public Instruction				
EFFECTIVE DATE:	July 1, 1998				

BILL SUMMARY: Requires the State Board of Education pay for the installation of seat belts on all activity buses purchased after July 1, 1998. The State Board of Education is required to study the cost of retrofitting all activity buses with seat belts, and report to the 1999 legislative session.

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

- 1. Activity buses are purchased by local school systems.
- 2. Currently there are an estimated 1,950 activity buses owned by local school systems.
- 3. Local School systems purchase an estimated 85 activity buses per year. Average capacity 54 students.
- 4. Costs to purchase new activity bus equipped with seat belts:

	Seat Belt Cost	
	Bus Size	Total Additional
	# Passengers	Cost Per Bus
@\$36 per pupil	66	\$2,376
	54	\$1,944
	36	\$1,296
	22	\$792
	14	\$504

- 5. Assume 3.5% inflation per year

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

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