

FISCAL MEMORANDUM
HB 2651 – SB 3080

April 18, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016631): Deletes all language of original bill. Encourages local education agencies (LEAs) to conduct studies to determine if special hazard zones are present within all walking routes children commonly use going to and from school. Special hazards shall include an absence of sidewalks, a highway with four or more lanes, an intersection where right turn on red is prohibited, where one or more violent sexual offenders reside, or any other condition which may affect the safety and well-being of children walking to school. If an LEA determines that a hazard is present, it shall submit its findings to the entity responsible for that road or highway. These entities are encouraged to help the LEA find ways to minimize the risk to children.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,737,000

Increase Local Expenditures* - \$21,400,000/One-Time
\$5,610,000/Net Recurring

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant/Permissive

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Encouraging LEAs to conduct studies to determine if walking hazards are present, submitting a report's findings to the responsible entity, and encouraging that entity to help the LEA minimize risk will have a not significant increase in expenditures for state and local governments. Any cost to local government will be permissive.
- LEAs are not required to transport children who would not otherwise be transported if a hazard is found.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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