

# FISCAL NOTE

## SJR 8

March 1, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Directs the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Safety, to conduct a comprehensive study on the issue of school bus safety, specifically to determine whether school buses should be fitted with safety restraints. The department shall make a report of its findings and recommendations no later than December 31, 2007.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000 One-Time**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education, because of the expertise required, the study would be outsourced to experts in the field of transportation safety and the use and effectiveness of safety restraints on school buses.
- The cost to outsource such a study cannot be determined but could be expected to result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of an amount exceeding \$100,000.
- The cost to implement the findings of the study would depend upon whether findings indicate the necessity of seat belts and restraints on school buses.
- The cost to the Department of Safety to assist in conducting this study is estimated to be not significant and can be handled within the existing budget.

### CERTIFICATION:

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



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