

Department of Planning and Budget 2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1710

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Krizek

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: Public school buses; seat belts.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to make regulations to require each new public school bus purchased for the transportation of students to be equipped with a seat belt consisting of a lap belt and shoulder strap or harness in every seat. The bill requires each school board to ensure that no later than July 1, 2037, each school bus that it uses for the transportation of students is equipped with a seat belt in every seat.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Department of Education anticipates that it can absorb any additional costs related to changes in regulations resulting from this bill.

There is no anticipated immediate state fiscal impact resulting from the provisions of this bill. Once the seat belt requirement is effective, the state cost for the school bus formula in the Standards of Quality could increase since this is a prevailing cost formula and reflects local costs for bus-related expenditures. Future state costs likely would increase, at least for some period of time, if the formula picks up local costs to retrofit buses with seat belts and if the prevailing unit cost of a new bus used for the bus replacement component of the formula increases from the addition of seat belts. Local school divisions likely will incur increased costs to meet the provisions of this bill. Any actual fiscal impact to localities or the state is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Board of Education, Department of Education, local school divisions

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None