

## Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB224

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<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, 2036, 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:** 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:** Department of Education, local school divisions

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is similar to HB1586.