

Department of Planning and Budget
2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB827

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Bell, Robert B.

3. Committee: Education

4. Title: School buses; extended warning signs.

5. Summary: Requires the Board of Education to (i) promulgate regulations requiring any new public school bus placed into service on or after July 1, 2018, to be equipped with an extended warning sign that works in conjunction with the existing warning sign and extends into the lane of travel immediately adjacent to the bus to the left of the bus driver and (ii) determine the feasibility and effectiveness of requiring that public school buses placed into service prior to July 1, 2018, be equipped with such extended warning signs.

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 extended warning signs 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 extended warning signs and if the prevailing unit cost of a new bus used for the bus replacement component of the formula increases from the addition of extended warning signs. 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: None