

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** HB313

<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, 2040, 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:** Preliminary, see Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The cost to retrofit an existing bus with seat belts can be \$20,000-\$30,000 for each bus. New school buses with seatbelts typically cost an estimated \$10,000 more than a bus without seat belts. Local school divisions would be required to cover any increased costs for retrofitting or new busses.

Any increased costs for bus replacement and retrofitting will be captured in the prevailing cost calculation for pupil transportation in Basic Aid and used in future rebenchmarkings of the Direct Aid to Public Education budget and may result in increased state funding. Any additional state cost in outgoing years is indeterminate at this time and would be based on rebenchmarking for future biennia. Local school divisions would have to provide the local share required to match any additional state funds based on each division's local composite index. The actual fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate at this time.

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

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None