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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6800**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1403

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Lap and shoulder safety belts on school buses.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bartlett

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Pending

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions:

*Safety Belt:* The bill provides that a school bus or special purpose bus: (1) placed into operation after June 30, 2013, that is used to transport elementary school or high school students must be equipped with a 3-point lap and shoulder safety belt (safety belt) at each seating location; and (2) after June 30, 2018, must be equipped with a safety belt at each seating location. It requires each occupant of a school bus or special purpose bus that has a safety belt to have the safety belt properly fastened about the occupant's body at all times when the bus is in motion.

*State School Bus Committee:* The bill requires the state school bus committee to adopt rules for the design, installation, and use of safety belt systems that must be installed in school buses and special purpose buses. It provides for an exception to the laws concerning other types of passenger restraint systems.

*Safety Belt Revolving Loan Fund:* The bill establishes the safety belt revolving loan fund (fund). It requires the department of education to establish a revolving loan program to provide loans from the fund to school corporations to assist school corporations in paying expenses necessary to comply with requirements concerning safety belts on school buses and special purpose buses. It appropriates \$10,000,000 to the fund from the state general fund.

*Amendments:* The bill makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *As of the above date, the fiscal analysis of this bill has not been completed. Please contact the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis for an update of this fiscal impact statement.*

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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