

**NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB355

**SHORT TITLE:** Seat Belts on New School Buses

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Mosley

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Yes (X)      No ( )      No Estimate Available ( )**

**FY 1999-00    FY 2000-01    FY 2001-02    FY 2002-03    FY 2003-04**

**REVENUES**

**EXPENDITURES**

Based on SBE request	\$1,943,260	\$738,760	\$1,649,362	\$1,693,895	\$1,739,630
Governor's Continuation	\$1,341,010	\$1,341,010	\$1,649,362	\$1,693,895	\$1,739,630
Local Boards of Education	\$87,600	\$87,600	\$89,965	\$92,394	\$94,889

**POSITIONS:** None

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) &**

**PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:** State Board of Education, State Public School Fund. Local school boards.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1999

**BILL SUMMARY:** Amends G.S. 115C-47(24) and G.S. 115C-240(c) as title indicates, and appropriates \$1,900,000 for 1999-2000 from General Fund to State Board of Education as title indicates. Requires local boards of education to purchase activity buses equipped with seat belts, and the State Board of Education to purchase all regular school buses with seat belts.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:**

Possible school bus purchase options 1999-2001 biennium.

State Board of Education request FY1999-00 - 1,120 buses and FY2000-01 460 buses.

Governor's recommended Continuation Budget - FY1999-00 835 and FY2000-01 835 buses.

Activity bus purchases - 100 statewide.

Cost for seat belts on new buses - \$1,606 for 66 passenger buses and \$876 for 36 passenger buses.

Assume 2.7% inflation in costs and 1,000 bus purchases per year in FY2001-2002 through 2003-2004 .

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** none

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