



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill #	HB0684	Title:	Revise laws related to school bus safety
Primary Sponsor:	Thane, Mark	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 684 has no fiscal impact to the state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Office of Public Instruction

1. HB 684 requires school buses purchased after January 1, 2022 to be equipped with three-point lap-shoulder belts on school buses. However, the bill includes an exemption if the board of trustees determines the district's budget does not permit adding the cost of the seatbelts.
2. All costs for seat belts in school buses are at the expense of the school district and not the responsibility of the state; therefore, there is no state cost related to this bill.

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

1. The cost of installing seat belts in new school buses is an additional \$7,000 - \$12,000 per bus depending upon the make and model of the school bus.
2. Some school districts purchase buses with three-point lap-shoulder belts already. Three-point lap-shoulder belts are optionally allowed in the Montana School Bus Standards.

Technical Notes:

1. This bill provides for a reduction in fees assessed with 61-3-529, MCA; however, school districts and school bus contractors do not pay the fee included in that section of statute.



Sponsor's Initials

3-30-21

Date

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Budget Director's Initials

3-29-21

Date

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