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TO: Education Interim Committee Members  
FROM: Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney  
DATE: March 12, 2018  
RE: Administrative Rule Review – March 2018

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The following memo summarizes the administrative rulemaking action has taken place since the committee last met in January 2017:

**BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**

**MAR Notice No. 10-64-281**

[Final Notice of Amendment](#): At the January meeting, the committee heard about proposed amendments to school bus requirements, particularly in regard to changing the requirement for installation of crossing control arms from mandatory back to permissive. Since the proposal notice was published, the Board received one public comment, requesting that the amended bus standards have a retroactive implementation date of January 31, 2018. The purpose of the retroactive implementation date is so that school districts would not be held to the mandatory standard at the time the second annual bus inspection was due, on January 31. The Board agreed with the comment and stated in the notice that the rule amendment applies retroactively to January 31, 2018, pursuant to the Board's authority under Article X, section 9(3)(a) of the Montana Constitution. Per the notice, the retroactive applicability does not result in any negative impact to an affected party.