

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2015-16</b>		<b>FY 2016-17</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

**Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.**

LB 373 requires that school buses purchased new on or after January 1, 2016 to transport public school children shall be equipped with lap-shoulder belts for each occupant. Instruction in the use of belts is to be provided at least twice per school year. The bill provides that the new provisions shall not be construed to increase or decrease the liability of school districts for injuries when a belt is not used or misused. It also shall not increase or decrease the liability of a district for the continued use of buses which are not equipped with lap-shoulder belts.

The requirement to have lap-shoulder belts for each passenger on a school bus will increase the cost of new buses beginning in 2016. Articles on the cost of buses indicate increased costs of \$8,000 to \$15,000 per vehicle for buses with lap-shoulder belts, depending upon the size of the bus and type of seat belt configuration. The bill will have an unknown fiscal impact for school districts and/or other entities that transport public school children on buses beginning in FY2015-16. Any increased spending by school districts for buses or transportation on school buses will increase needs in the state aid formula which will increase state aid two years after the spending increase occurs.

The bill will require the State Department of Education to revise two rules and regulations. It is assumed the rules can be revised with the existing resources of the department.

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**2015**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 373**

**FISCAL NOTE**

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	<u>800.00</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
CASH FUNDS	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
FEDERAL FUNDS	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
OTHER FUNDS	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>800.00</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**Explanation of Estimate:**

The cost of revising Rule 91 and 92 would include publishing the hearing notice in the Omaha World Herald and printing costs for the new Rules.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
Benefits.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Operating.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>          </u>
Travel.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Capital outlay.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Aid.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Capital improvements.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
TOTAL.....	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>800.00</u>	<u>          </u>