

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB1092

Hearing Date: February 12, 2008

Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications

Introducer(s): (Harms)

Title: Require seat belts on school buses

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File with Amendments

Vote Results:

6 Yes	Senators Aguilar, Fischer, Lautenbaugh, Louden, Pedersen, Schimek
1 No	Senators Hudkins
0 Absent	
1 Present, not voting	Senators Stuthman

Proponents:

Senator John Harms
Tait Rief
Thomas Rief
Cindy Bader
Dawn Prescott
Michelle Bader
Jerry Stilmock

Sarah Garbers
Austin Taibemal
Susan Ferris

Representing:

Introducer, District #48
Self
Self
Self
Self
Self
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters
Association
Self
Self
Lancaster County Medical Alliance; Nebraska
Medical Association Alliance

Joyce Krska

Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Jeremy Murphy
Tim Moravec

Representing:

Nebraska Catholic Conference
Self

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 1092 requires seatbelts on school buses.

The bill states that an occupant protection system for a school bus means a system utilizing a lap belt, a shoulder belt, or a combination, and conforming to “standards, federal or otherwise.”

Every school bus manufactured after the effective date of this act and operated in Nebraska shall have an occupant protection system. The bill also removes the requirement that the bus driver wear the occupant protection system.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment, AM 1974, strikes the original sections and becomes the bill.

Section 1 states that each school bus purchased new on or after January 1, 2010, other than by a school board or board of education, shall have lap-shoulder belts for each passenger. The belts are required to meet federal standards. This section only applies if the bus is used to transport public school children.

Section 2 amends § 79-601 to state that each school bus purchased new by a board of education on or after January 1, 2010 shall have lap-shoulder belts for each passenger. The belts are required to meet federal standards. This section only applies if the bus is used to transport public school children.

Section 3 amends § 79-609 to require instruction in the proper use of seat belts twice a year to each pupil transported in a school bus.

Subsection (4) requires each passenger on a school bus equipped with seat belts to wear the belt at all times while the bus is in operation.

Senator Deb Fischer, Chairperson