



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 489**

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**Hearing Date:** February 6, 2007

**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications

**Introducer(s):** (Harms)

**Title:** Change provisions relating to and require buses to have occupant protection systems

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

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**Vote Results:**

6 Yes                                      Senators Stuthman, Aguilar, Mines, Louden, Fischer and Hudkins

2 No                                         Senators Schimek and Pedersen

Present, not voting

Absent

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**Proponents:**

Senator John Harms, Introducer  
Steve Wallen  
Dawn Prescott  
Susan Ferris

**Representing:**

District #48  
SafeGuard  
Self  
Lancaster County Medical Alliance

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Virgil Horne  
Brian Hale  
Jeremy Murphy

**Representing:**

Lincoln Public Schools  
Nebraska Association of School Boards  
Nebraska Catholic Conference

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 489 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.”

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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:**

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**Senator Deb Fischer, Chairperson**