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LB 920

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FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 920 requires each school board to establish a school transportation safety committee for each school year. The eight member committee includes local school board, city, county and parent-teacher association representatives as designated in the bill. Each committee is to receive suggestions and concerns on transportation issues related to the district. By the end of the 2013-14 school year and each year thereafter, a committee is to submit a child access routing plan to the State Department of Education (NDE) for each school in the district.

The committee is also to hold public discussions when a new school is proposed and create a transportation plan for the new school. School boards may approve or reject plans. If a plan is rejected, then the committee must revise and resubmit the plan. A school board may not open a new school until an approved plan has been implemented.

The bill does not have a fiscal impact for NDE. It will have an unknown annual fiscal impact for each school district to fund the expenses of a school transportation committee. Since the bill does not require a specific number of meetings, it is assumed the fiscal impact will vary considerably from district to district.

School districts opening new schools will have increased expenses for public discussions by the safety committee regarding transportation for the new school, facilitator expenses for such discussions, and the development of transportation plans for new schools. If a transportation plan developed by a safety committee for a new school becomes controversial, there could be additional expenses for the safety committee to revise a plan. The fiscal impact for school districts is not able to be determined.

The bill will also increase the workload of local city and county representatives or employees that are required to be members of a safety committee. It is assumed the expenses of these individuals will be reimbursed by school districts.

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COMMENTS					
DEPT. OF EDUCATION – No fiscal impact to NDE. Nominal fiscal impact to local governments for administrative costs in document preparation.					