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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3075
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 Subject: Public School Bus Transportation
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$46,733,500	\$14,475,000
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	25.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	Undeterminable	Undeterminable
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase General Fund expenditures in FY 2015-16 by \$46,733,500 and \$14,475,000 in FY 2016-17 and thereafter. Federal Funds and Other Funds will not be affected. This bill will impact local school district expenditures by an undeterminable amount.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill amends Section 59-67-420 to expand the Department of Education’s responsibility in providing transportation services to public school students. Currently, the department is required to provide transportation services to students that live outside a one and a half mile walking distance of the school zones for the student’s residence. The bill decreases this walking distance to three tenths of a mile.

The Department of Education (DOE) indicates this bill will increase General Fund expenditures by an estimated \$42,258,500 in non-recurring costs and \$14,475,000 recurring. Non-recurring expenses include \$41,508,500 for the purchase of 500 additional buses to cover the increased demand for services; \$500,000 for the purchase of five new tankers; and \$250,000 for the purchase of ten new service vehicles. Recurring expenses include \$4,475,000 for the cost of twenty-five additional full time employees for DOE and increased reimbursement to local school districts for the additional five hundred new bus drivers and \$10,000,000 for the maintenance cost associated with bus fuel and replacing 1/15th of the bus fleet annually.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Department of Education indicates this bill will impact the local school districts by an amount that cannot be determined at this time. The local school districts will have costs associated with hiring the anticipated 500 additional bus drivers.

Local Revenue

N/A



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