
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1355

State of Washington

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Brumsickle, Cole and Wolfe; by request of Office of Financial Management)

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1 AN ACT Relating to school bus acquisitions; creating a new section;
2 and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The superintendent of public
5 instruction shall establish and provide staff for a task force to
6 analyze issues associated with the purchase of new school buses.

7 (2) The task force shall include:

8 (a) Two members of the senate, with one member from each caucus;

9 (b) Two members of the house of representatives, with one member
10 from each caucus;

11 (c) Two representatives of school districts selected by the
12 Washington association of school administrators, with one
13 representative from eastern Washington and one from western Washington;

14 (d) Two representatives selected by the Washington association of
15 pupil transportation, with one representative from eastern Washington
16 and one from western Washington; and

17 (e) One representative from each of the following organizations:

18 (i) The office of financial management;

19 (ii) The department of general administration; and

1 (iii) The office of the superintendent of public instruction.

2 (3) Members of the task force shall select a chair from among its
3 members at the first task force meeting.

4 (4) The task force shall analyze:

5 (a) The costs of purchasing comparable school buses in Washington
6 and other states taking into consideration differences in geography,
7 weather conditions, and other factors;

8 (b) Actions that could be taken to reduce the cost of new buses in
9 Washington and reduce the number of pre-1977 buses, including, but not
10 limited to, a centralized purchasing program and contracting bus
11 services with private firms; and

12 (c) Other matters pertaining to school bus purchasing as deemed
13 important by the task force.

14 (5) The analysis, with recommendations, shall be submitted to the
15 appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 1995.

16 (6) This section shall expire December 31, 1995.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
20 effect immediately.

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