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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1174

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Holland, Cole, Peery, Brumsickle, G. Fisher, Brough, Valle, Rasmussen, Phillips, Jones, Dorn, P. Johnson, Padden, Appelwick, Jacobsen, Winsley, Pruitt, Inslee, Ogden, Ballard, Wood, R. Johnson, Vance, Sheldon, Day, Spanel, Leonard, Broback, Paris, Rust, Scott, Haugen, Hine, Cantwell, Rayburn, Edmondson, Basich, Mitchell, Betrozoff, Nealey, Miller, Bowman, Moyer, Fraser, O'Brien, Sprenkle, Tate and McLean; by request of Task Force on Student Transp. Safety).

Read first time February 18, 1991.

1 AN ACT Relating to transportation safety; adding new sections to  
2 chapter 46.61 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 If a law enforcement officer investigating a violation of RCW  
7 46.61.370 has reasonable cause to believe that a violation has  
8 occurred, the officer may request the owner of the motor vehicle to  
9 supply information identifying the driver of the vehicle at the time  
10 the violation occurred. When requested, the owner of the motor vehicle  
11 shall identify the driver to the best of the owner's ability. The  
12 owner of the vehicle is not required to supply identification  
13 information to the law enforcement officer if the owner believes the  
14 information is self-incriminating.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.61 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        (1) The driver of a school bus who observes a violation of RCW  
4 46.61.370 may prepare a written report on a form provided by the state  
5 patrol or another law enforcement agency indicating that a violation  
6 has occurred. The driver of the school bus or a school official may  
7 deliver the report to a law enforcement officer of the state, county,  
8 or municipality in which the violation occurred but not more than  
9 seventy-two hours after the violation occurred. The driver shall  
10 include in the report the time and location at which the violation  
11 occurred, the vehicle license plate number, and a description of the  
12 vehicle involved in the violation.

13        (2) The law enforcement officer shall initiate an investigation of  
14 the reported violation within ten working days after receiving the  
15 report described in subsection (1) of this section by contacting the  
16 owner of the motor vehicle involved in the reported violation and  
17 requesting the owner to supply information identifying the driver. If,  
18 after an investigation, the law enforcement officer is able to identify  
19 the driver and has reasonable cause to believe a violation of RCW  
20 46.61.370 has occurred, the law enforcement officer shall prepare a  
21 notice of traffic infraction and have it served upon the driver of the  
22 vehicle.

23        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**        By December 1, 1991, the superintendent  
24 of public instruction shall review the current use of aides on special  
25 education buses and provide to the education committees of the house of  
26 representatives and the senate recommended guidelines, with associated  
27 fiscal impacts, for increasing the use of aides on special education  
28 buses.