COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

<u>L.R. No.</u>: 1680-02 <u>Bill No.</u>: SB 445

Subject: Buses; Children and Minors; Transportation; Roads and Highways; Motor

Vehicles; Religion

<u>Type</u>: Original

Date: February 9, 2007

Bill Summary: This proposal exempts church bus drivers that transport children from the

child passenger restraint system requirements of Section 307.179.

FISCAL SUMMARY

	ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND				
FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010			
\$0	60	\$0			
	FY 2008				

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Federal Funds	(\$0 to \$850,000)	(\$0 to \$850,000)	(\$0 to \$850,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	(\$0 to \$850,000)	(\$0 to \$850,000)	(\$0 to \$850,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- □ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Missouri Department of Transportation** (**MoDOT**) assume this bill will allow church buses and vans to be exempted from the requirement in 307.179 that children under the age of 16 being transported in a motor vehicle to be properly restrained. While buses, if they do not already have safety belts installed in them, are already exempted, a state cannot allow vans to be exempted by law and still qualify to receive the federal incentive grant for having a child passenger restraint law.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has allowed states to have an exemption for school buses and public carriers for hire, but does not allow exemptions for passenger vans. MoDOT is unsure at this time if we will still be able to receive the SAFETEA-LU incentive grant under section 2011 (booster seat incentive grant). The grant is approximately \$850,000 annually.

Officials at the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume that there is no fiscal impact from this proposal.

Oversight shows the potential loss of the federal grant with the adoption of this proposal as \$0 to \$850,000.

FISCAL IMPACT - State Government	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
FEDERAL FUNDS	(10 1/101)		
Loss - SAFETEA-LU grant	(\$0 to \$850,000)	(\$0 to \$850,000)	(\$0 to \$850,000)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS	(<u>\$0 to</u> <u>\$850,000)</u>	<u>(\$0 to</u> \$850,000)	(\$0 to \$850,000)
FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government	FY 2008 (10 Mo.)	FY 2009	FY 2010
	\$0	\$0	\$0

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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This act exempts church bus drivers that transport children from the child passenger restraint system requirements of Section 307.179. The church bus must have a passenger capacity of over ten persons in order to qualify for the exemption. The act contains an emergency clause.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Missouri Department of Transportation Office of the State Courts Administrator

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