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HOUSE BILL 1173

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By Representatives Cole, Holland, Peery, Brumsickle, G. Fisher, Phillips, Jones, Rasmussen, P. Johnson, Winsley, R. King, Pruitt, Wilson, H. Myers, Ogden, Wood, R. Johnson, Vance, Sheldon, Day, Spanel, Leonard, Broback, Paris, Rust, Scott, Haugen, Hine, Cantwell, Betrozoff, Wynne, Nealey, Miller, Bowman, Moyer, Fraser, O'Brien, Sprenkle and Orr; by request of Task Force on Student Transp. Safety.

Read first time January 21, 1991.                      Referred to Committee on Education\Appropriations.

1            AN ACT Relating to student transportation; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 46.37 RCW; creating new sections; and making appropriations.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 46.37 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            Effective September 1, 1992, every school bus shall, in addition to  
7 any other equipment required by this chapter, be equipped with a  
8 crossing arm mounted to the bus that, when extended, will require  
9 students who are crossing in front of the bus to walk more than five  
10 feet from the front of the bus.

11           NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**            By October 1, 1991, the superintendent  
12 of public instruction shall purchase the crossing arms required in  
13 section 1 of this act for every public school bus owned by a school  
14 district or under contract by a school district. By March 1, 1992, the

1 superintendent of public instruction shall distribute, or have  
2 distributed, the crossing arms to the school districts. Installation of  
3 the crossing arms shall be the responsibility of the school districts.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The superintendent of public instruction  
5 shall, in cooperation with at least one school district, conduct a  
6 pilot program to test the feasibility of using video cameras inside of  
7 school buses to reduce discipline problems and assist school bus  
8 drivers in identifying students who create discipline problems. The  
9 superintendent of public instruction shall report her findings to the  
10 education committees of the house of representatives and the senate by  
11 December 31, 1991.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** By December 1, 1991, the superintendent  
13 of public instruction shall review the current use of aides on special  
14 education buses and provide to the education committees of the house of  
15 representatives and the senate recommended guidelines, with associated  
16 fiscal impacts, for increasing the use of aides on special education  
17 buses.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** The superintendent of public  
19 instruction, in cooperation with school districts, the state patrol,  
20 and local law enforcement personnel, shall develop a proposed  
21 definition and guidelines for implementing an expanded definition of  
22 "hazardous walking conditions" as used in RCW 28A.160.160(4) that would  
23 also include "social hazards." At a minimum, social hazards shall  
24 include areas with unacceptable levels of narcotic activity, sex  
25 offenders, prostitution, street violence, or environmentally dangerous  
26 conditions such as toxic waste dumps. The superintendent of public  
27 instruction shall submit its proposed definition and guidelines, with

1 the projected fiscal impact of implementing the definition and  
2 guidelines, to the education committees of the house of representatives  
3 and the senate by December 1, 1991.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** (1) The sum of seven hundred thousand  
5 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
6 the biennium ending June 30, 1993, from the general fund to the  
7 superintendent of public instruction for the purposes of section 2 of  
8 this act.

9 (2) The sum of forty-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as  
10 may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30,  
11 1993, from the general fund to the superintendent of public instruction  
12 for the purposes of section 3 of this act.