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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0083
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$49,339,365	\$13,354,365
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	16.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have a nonrecurring expenditure impact of \$35,985,000 to the General Fund for FY 2016-17. The recurring expenditure impact to the General Fund would be \$13,354,365 with the addition of 16 FTEs in FY 2016-17 and each year thereafter. There is no expenditure impact to Federal Funds or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill would increase school bus transportation services to students who live within one half mile of the schools and three-tenths of a mile walking distance of their residences where hazardous traffic conditions are involved.

The State Department of Education (SDE) estimates it will need an additional 405 school buses (5 per school district) and 15 support vehicles for a nonrecurring expenditure impact of \$35,985,000 to the General Fund in FY 2016-17. The recurring expenditure impact would include an additional 16 FTEs for bus maintenance of \$624,000. Maintenance and fuel costs average \$24,433 per bus for 405 buses for recurring impact of \$9,895,365. The additional 405 school buses will require the local school districts to hire a corresponding number of drivers for and expenditure impact of \$2,835,000. Appropriations for school bus driver salaries is allocated to the local school districts from SDE. The additional 405 buses would need to be added to the 15-year replacement cycle.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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