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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/2007

SPONSOR Ashbill LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE School Bus Registration Alternatives SB 648

ANALYST Schuss

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08	FY09		
	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	Motor Vehicle Division

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

Did Not Respond
Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 648 will allow a school district, another public entity or a school bus contractor to register a school bus on a permanent basis. A school district, another public entity or a school bus contractor that does not permanently register a school bus may renew the registration of two or more school buses at a common date of its choosing on an annual basis, the fee for annual registration is \$7. The one-time fee for a school bus initially registered at the time an original certificate of title is issued is \$140. The one-time fee for a school bus registered subsequent to the issuance of the original title will be \$100.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) will collect these registration fees upfront rather than annually. This will generate positive revenue for MVD initially, but an analysis from TRD will be

needed to know more precise fiscal impacts.

PED notes that on average there are 130 school bus replacements per year and with the initial collection of \$140 an estimated \$18,200 would be generated for MVD.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED notes that this bill would mainly benefit private school bus operators. This bill would eliminate multiple visits to MVD field offices to collect minimal annual fees. This would help operations to pay for Tax, Title, and License (TTL) upfront. Presently, operators have to renew every year depending upon the month the school bus was originally registered. This requires multiple visits to the MVD dependent upon how many school buses are owned. A permanent registration fee would require one visit to the MVD for the life of the school bus.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SB 648 could have an administrative impact on TRD if new registration documents must be created to distinguish between permanent and annual status.

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