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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 01/27/09  
**LAST UPDATED** 02/22/09    **HB** 235/aHLC

**SPONSOR** Garcia, T.

**SHORT TITLE** Contracted School Bus Driver Salary Increase    **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HLC Amendment

The House Labor and Human Resources Committee amendment to House Bill 235 provides that the a school district's transportation budget will not be approved by the department is it does include salary increases for contract school bus drivers and attendants equal to those of district employees.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 235 provides that appropriations to the transportation distribution of public school support for salary increases include increases for contracted school bus drivers and attendants equal to those for employees.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

It appears that language contained in this bill creates a mandate for future legislatures to appropriate funding for specific purposes.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED reports that annual salary increases requested as part of public school support for transportation employees already includes funding for contract employees. Contractors in many cases do not pass on these increases to employees. It appears the intent of this legislation may be to require contractors to implement these funded salary increases. If this is the intent, it appears this bill does not accomplish this as it only requires the funding to be included and does not address the distribution by contractors to employees.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The Legislature may wish to remove language requiring that “appropriations shall include”. Language that directs future appropriations impedes the Legislature’s power of appropriation.

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