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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-27-06

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 374

SHORT TITLE School Bus Safety Competition SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 374 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to the Public Education Department (PED) for expenditure in fiscal year 2007 to support school bus drivers in a national safety competition. This program encourages school bus drivers to develop their skills and knowledge through competitive participation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Some issues revolve around which expenses will be covered for those participating in the competition, for instance, travel, lodging, meals, and entry fee; the criteria for choosing participants to be sponsored; and how skills and knowledge gained might be used to improve the skills of the drivers.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

- Which skills and knowledge are being developed by having school bus drivers participate in a competition?
- Would an educational program be more effective in developing better school bus drivers?

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