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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/06
 LAST UPDATED 2/9/06 HB 165/aHAFC

SPONSOR Stewart

SHORT TITLE Air Condition School Buses with Wheel Chairs SB _____

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	See Fiscal Implications		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee amendment to House Bill 165 makes changes to the title of the bill, and strikes the appropriation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The HAFC amendment strikes from the title of the bill "REQUIRING" and inserts thereof "ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR" school buses with wheelchair lifts to be air conditioned.

Language remaining in the bill requires that such buses purchased new after June 30, 2006 be equipped with factory installed air conditioning. This appears to be in contradiction with the new title of the bill. If these provisions remain in the bill, there will be an approximate annual recurring impact of \$42 thousand to \$210 thousand on the PED transportation request.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 165 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to the Public Education Department for the purpose of reimbursing school districts for the cost of factory installed air condi-

tioning in school buses equipped with wheelchair lifts.

The bill further provides that school buses with wheelchair lifts purchased after June 30, 2006 are to have factory installed air conditioning..

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

In FY05 the Public Education Department purchased 30 school buses equipped with wheelchair lifts while in FY06 the number is six. PED notes the cost of factory installed air conditioning on buses is approximately \$7 thousand per bus. Given recent purchases, it is expected this legislation if enacted will have a variable annual recurring impact of \$42 thousand to \$210 thousand on the PED transportation request.

The appropriation of \$300 thousand 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.

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