

HOUSE BILL NO. 85

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

BY REPRESENTATIVE NAVARRE

Introduced: 1/30/91

Referred: Transportation, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to equipment required on a school bus; and providing for an effective
2 date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 28.05.104(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) The Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety,
6 shall

7 (1) establish equipment requirements for each type of school bus that is used to
8 transport school children to or from a public school; equipment requirements must include two
9 alternating red strobe lights attached to the stop arm, a white strobe light attached to the
10 roof of the school bus and not more than six feet from the rear of the school bus, interior
11 flammability standards, number and location of emergency exits, seat-back height and padding
12 requirements, and seat belt standards;

13 (2) at least twice each calendar year, inspect each school bus for compliance with
14 this subsection; and

1 (3) maintain a record of each accident involving a school bus or other vehicle
2 transporting school children that is owned, leased, or provided under contract to a school district
3 or regional educational attendance area; the record must include the date of the accident, a list
4 of persons injured, whether the person's injury occurred within the school bus, and each type of
5 injury.

6 * Sec. 2. SCHOOL BUS RENOVATION. The Department of Education shall reimburse each school
7 district for the initial cost incurred by each school district as of November 1, 1991, of obtaining and
8 installing stop arm and roof strobe lights required by AS 28.05.104(b), as amended in sec. 2 of this Act.
9 Reimbursement may not exceed \$150 for each stop arm renovation, \$175 for each roof renovation, and
10 shall be subject to approval by the Department of Education.

11 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect November 1, 1991.