

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 85 (TRANSPORTATION)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Offered: 2/11/91

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES NAVARRE, G.Phillips

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to strobe light equipment required on a school bus; and providing for  
2 an effective 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. (a) The Department of Education shall reimburse each  
7 school district for the initial cost incurred by each school district as of November 1, 1991, of obtaining  
8 and installing stop arm and roof strobe lights required by AS 28.05.104(b), as amended in sec. 1 of this  
9 Act. Reimbursement may not exceed \$150 for each stop arm renovation, \$175 for each roof renovation,  
10 and shall be subject to approval by the Department of Education.

11               (b) The requirement contained in AS 28.05.104(b), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act, that a white  
12 strobe light attached to the roof of the school bus must be not more than six feet from the rear of the  
13 school bus, does not apply to a school bus that has a white strobe light already attached to the roof of  
14 the school bus on November 1, 1991.

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