

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

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/3/91  
Referred: HES, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES NAVARRE, G.Phillips, B.Davis

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to lighting equipment required on a school bus; and providing for an  
2 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 red strobe lights with alternating flashes attached to the stop arm, a white strobe light  
10 attached to the roof of the school bus and not more than six feet from the rear of the school  
11 bus, interior flammability standards, number and location of emergency exits, seat-back height  
12 and padding 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 between January 1, 1991, and  
8 November 1, 1991, of obtaining and installing stop arm strobe lights and roof strobe lights required by  
9 AS 28.05.104(b), as amended in sec. 1 of this Act. Reimbursement may not exceed \$150 for each stop  
10 arm renovation, \$175 for each roof renovation, and shall be subject to approval by the Department of  
11 Education.

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

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