

  
*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE**  
**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 10-0880  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Baumgardner

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**Bill Status:** House Education  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING SCHOOL VEHICLES.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
<b>State Revenue</b>		
Cash Funds		
Fines Collection Cash Fund	< \$ 5,000	< \$ 5,000
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill defines "school vehicle" as a motor vehicle that is owned or leased by a school and is used to transport school children to and from school and school-related activities. The definition of "school bus" is changed to stipulate that a school bus is designed and used specifically for the transport of school children. School buses are one type of school vehicle.

The bill amends statutory provisions to clarify if the term school bus or school vehicle applies.

**State Revenue**

HB10-1232 substitutes "school vehicle" for "school bus" in Section 18-18-407, C.R.S.. This section identifies *special offenders* that are subject to higher prison sentencing terms and fines for illegal drug transactions or drug manufacturing.

Since the new definition of school vehicle increases the types of vehicles that can be engaged in student transport, the bill may lead to additional criminal violations filed with the courts. This fiscal note assumes that most, if not all, cases for which a person qualifies as a special offender in a school vehicle will occur under circumstances in which the person would qualify as a special

offender for other reasons (i.e., being within 1,000 ft of school grounds). However, it is possible that the bill will increase state revenue from fines, although less than \$5,000 in new state revenue is expected per year. Fine revenue that is not otherwise appropriated is deposited into the Fines Collection Cash Fund.

**Departments Contacted**

Judicial

Education

Revenue