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Fiscal Note On: **HB 844** HLS 26RS 391
Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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MTR VEHICLE/VIOLATIONS EN NO IMPACT See Note

Defines the term "school zone" relative to the operation of a motor vehicle while using a wireless telecommunication device

Current law prohibits the operation of a wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is lawfully stationary; assesses a fine of $250 for those who operate a wireless telecommunications device while operating a motor vehicle in a school zone (or at the judge's discretion, the fine may be reduced to $100 with community service not to exceed 15 hours, at least half of which shall consist of a litter abatement program in a school zone or highway construction zone), and for those involved in a crash at the time of the violation, a fine equal to $500 (or $200 with the same community service stipulations) and the law enforcement officer investigating the crash shall indicate on the written accident report that the person was using a wireless telecommunications device at the time of the crash. Proposed law defines school zone as any designated area adjacent to a public or private kindergarten through 12th grade school or post-secondary institution that is properly marked with official school warning or similar traffic control signage, including signage provided in Chapter 7 of the DOTD Traffic Engineering Manual relating to schools, and extending not less than 250 feet prior to the beginning of the zone; specifies that a school zone is in effect 60 minutes before school starts, 60 minutes after school starts, 60 minutes before school ends, and 60 minutes after school ends.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

The proposed law only clarifies the meaning of a term used within the current law and does not add circumstances under which a party may be assessed a fine for committing a civil offense under the current law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate — Dual Referral Rules

- ☐ 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House

- ☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- ☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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