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SCHOOL BUS DIESEL STUDY

House Bill 6150 Sponsor: Rep. Chris Kolb Committee: Education

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6150 AS INTRODUCED 5-29-02

House Bill 6150 would amend the Pupil Transportation Act to require the Department of State Police to commission a pilot study to determine the amount of diesel particulate matter in the air of diesel-powered school buses, while the buses are transporting students to or from school.

Under the bill, the pilot study, which could be completed by a qualified agency or private entity outside the department, would include testing sufficient air samples in both kind and number that conform with generally accepted scientific methods. The study also would include samples from a geographical cross-section of the state, including samples from buses in urban and rural school districts, and from economically diverse school districts.

The bill would require the Department of State Police to report the results of the pilot study to the legislature and to the Department of Education within one year after the bill's enactment into law. The results of the study reported to the legislature would be posted on the web sites of the Departments of State Police and Education.

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