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Senate Bill 449 (as introduced 4-26-07) Sponsor: Senator Roger Kahn, M.D.

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Pupil Transportation Act to prohibit a school bus driver from using a cellular phone while the school bus was in motion or at any time when pupils were boarding or exiting it.

A person who violated the bill would be responsible for a civil infraction and could be ordered to pay a maximum civil fine of \$100. A civil infraction under the bill would have to be processed in the same manner as a civil infraction under the Michigan Vehicle Code.

Proposed MCL 257.1858 Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could result in additional revenue to the State and local units of government. To the extent that there would be additional violations, the bill would result in additional fine revenue, courts costs, and Justice System Fund assessments. Fine revenue from civil infractions under the Michigan Vehicle Code is allocated to public libraries. Fines resulting from citations for violations of corresponding local ordinances are shared by the local unit of government and the court funding unit. Justice System Fund assessments support various programs in the judiciary, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of State Police.

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