

Sub. H. B. No. 96  
As Passed by the Senate  
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\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

In the table on line 147269, after row AT, insert:

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	1	2	3	4	5
A	7017	200413	School Bus Safety	\$10,000,000	\$0
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In the table on line 147269, in rows AZ and BZ, add \$10,000,000 to  
fiscal year 2026

After line 148390, insert:

**"Section 265.320. SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**

(A) The foregoing appropriation item 200413, School Bus  
Safety, shall be used to support a school bus safety grant  
program, as recommended by the Governor's School Bus Safety  
Working Group, and in accordance with guidelines established by  
the Department of Education and Workforce. The specific safety  
features shall be informed by the Governor's School Bus Safety

Working Group report and in consultation with the Department of  
Public Safety.

(B) The Department shall create an application for  
eligible applicants. Eligible applicants may apply for funds in  
a manner prescribed by the Department. The Department shall  
collect information with respect to the total amount of funding  
requested, the number of school buses impacted, and the specific  
safety enhancements for which each eligible applicant seeks  
funds. In determining grant allocations, the Department shall  
apply a measure of local capacity. The Department may also apply  
minimum or maximum funding amounts.

(C) Eligible applicants shall use school bus safety grant  
funds only for repair, replacement, or addition of school bus  
safety features to school buses in active service or for safety  
enhancements to the purchase of a new school bus. Eligible  
applicants shall not use funds to enhance buses not owned by the  
eligible applicant.

(D) As used in this section, "eligible applicant" means  
any of the following that provides transportation services:

(1) A city, local, exempted village, or joint vocational  
school district;

(2) A community school established under Chapter 3314. of  
the Revised Code;

(3) A STEM school established under Chapter 3326. of the  
Revised Code;

(4) A county board of developmental disabilities;

(5) A chartered nonpublic school;

(6) An educational service center."

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

**SYNOPSIS**

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**Department of Education and Workforce**

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**Sections 265.10 and 265.320**

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Restores House version provisions that appropriate  
\$10,000,000 in FY 2026 to Fund 7017 ALI 200413, School Bus  
Safety, and establish the School Bus Safety Grant Program,  
eligible uses of the funds, and eligible applicants.

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