

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB537 by Berman (Relating to the transportation of children in motor vehicles; creating an offense.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would create as an offense allowing certain aged children to ride in a certain vehicles without securing the child individually by a safety belt if the child is occupying a seat that is equipped with a safety belt.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to prohibit a person from carrying another person on a motorcycle unless the passenger is at least five years of age. An exception would be made for passengers younger than five years of age riding in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle. A violation would be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$200.

Enforcement and fines collected from enforcement are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact to the state or units of local government.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety

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