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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 469, L.D. 640, Bill, "An Act Requiring Qualified Investigation of Certain Truck-related and Bus-related Fatalities"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 4 by striking out all of the 2nd blocked paragraph (page 1, lines 17 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'If the accident results in serious bodily injury or death of any person, the investigation must be conducted by an officer who has met the training standards of a full-time law enforcement officer. A law enforcement officer who investigates an accident involving a bus or truck with a gross vehicle weight rating or a registered weight in excess of 10,000 pounds that results in the death of any person shall request a certified accident reconstructionist and the Bureau of State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit to assist in the investigation of the accident. The Attorney General shall designate an assistant attorney general familiar with federal commercial vehicle laws and regulations to serve as a resource to any district attorney who initiates a prosecution arising from an accident involving a bus or truck with a gross vehicle weight rating or a registered weight in excess of 10,000 pounds that results in the death of any person.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with requiring investigations of certain truck and bus fatalities can be

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2 absorbed by the Department of the Attorney General and the
Department of Public Safety utilizing existing budgeted
resources.'

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SUMMARY

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8 The amendment requires a law enforcement officer who
investigates an accident involving a bus or truck with a gross
10 vehicle weight rating or a registered weight of 10,000 pounds or
more that results in the death of any person to request a
certified accident reconstructionist and the Bureau of State
12 Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Unit to assist in the
investigation of the accident. The amendment also requires the
14 Attorney General to designate an assistant attorney general
familiar with federal commercial vehicle laws and regulations to
16 serve as a resource to any district attorney who initiates a
prosecution arising from an accident involving a bus or truck
18 that weighs in excess of 10,000 pounds that results in the death
of a person.