



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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DOA:.....Hanle, BB0284 - Transportation payments to parents

FOR 2011-13 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Current law, with some exceptions, requires a school district to provide transportation to and from school for a pupil attending a private school that is located at least two miles from the pupil's residence.

Under current law, if the estimated cost of transporting a pupil to a private school is more than 1.5 times the school district's average cost per pupil for bus transportation, the school board may fulfill its obligation to transport the pupil by contracting with the pupil's parent or guardian. Except as provided below, the contract must provide for an annual payment for each pupil of at least \$5 times the number of miles between the pupil's residence and the private school, or the school district's average cost per pupil for bus transportation, whichever is greater.

In a first class city school district (currently, only the Milwaukee Public Schools), if two or more pupils reside in the same household and attend the same private school, the contract may, at the discretion of the school board, provide for a total annual payment of the amount described above for all of the pupils instead of for each of the pupils. This bill extends this provision to all school districts.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 121.55 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.55 (3) (b) Except as provided in par. (c), if 2 or more pupils reside in the same household and attend the same private school, the contract under par. (a) may, at the discretion of the school board of the ~~school district operating under ch. 119,~~ provide for a total annual payment for all such pupils of not less than \$5 times the distance in miles between the pupils' residence and the private school they attend, or the school district's average cost per pupil for bus transportation in the previous year exclusive of transportation for kindergarten pupils during the noon hour and for pupils with disabilities, whichever is greater.

SECTION 9337. Initial applicability; Public Instruction.

(1) PUPIL TRANSPORTATION; PRIVATE SCHOOLS. The treatment of section 121.55 (3) (b) of the statutes first applies to contracts entered into under section 121.55 (3) of the statutes, as affected by this act, on the effective date of this subsection.

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