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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill requires that, if a person had a contract with the Milwaukee Board of School Directors (Milwaukee Public Schools, MPS) to transport a resident pupil to and from a private school in the 2019-20 school year and the person notifies the board that this was so during the 2020-21 school year, the board must make a payment to the person in the 2020-21 school year equal to the payment made to that person in the 2019-20 school year.

Under the bill, a person is not eligible for a payment in the 2020-21 school year if the 2019-20 contract was to solely transport a pupil who graduated high school during the 2019-20 school year. The bill specifies that the board may claim state transportation aid under Wis. Stat. sec. 121.58 (Pupil Transportation Aid) for payments made under the bill (though state Pupil Transportation Aid is paid on the basis of the number of students transported distance categories specified in statute, rather than transportation costs).

DPI does not have access to the information that would be required to calculate the costs of contracts entered into by MPS for transporting students to a private school that meet the criteria specified in the bill; thus, DPI cannot quantify the impact of the bill on the MPS district.

State: No direct impact

This bill does not directly increase funding to the state Pupil Transportation Aid appropriation.

Local: Indeterminate

DPI is unable to calculate the costs of contracts entered into by MPS for the transportation of students attending private schools (in 2019-20 and in 2020-21), or which contracts would not be subject to the provisions of the bill because the students transported in 2019-20 graduated that year.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The bill applies only to qualifying expenses made in the 2019-20 school year that would be paid in the 2020-21 school year and thus, has no long-range fiscal implications.