

FISCAL ESTIMATE

ORIGINAL UPDATED)

DOA-2048 (R10/92

CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
Assembly Bill 69 (99-0749/1)

Amendment No. If Applicable

Subject: Transportation of pupils to private schools

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation

- Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
- Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs-May be possible to Absorb

Within Agency's Budget Yes No

Decrease Costs

Local: No local government costs **Indeterminable**

- 1. Increase Costs
 Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs
 Permissive Mandatory

- 3. Increase Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenues
 Permissive Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:
- Towns Villages Cities
 - Counties Others _____
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S

Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a school board operating high school grades is required to transport pupils to private school under certain conditions. 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. The contract must provide for an annual payment of at least \$5 times the number of miles between the pupil's residence and the private school, or the district's average cost per pupil for bus transportation, whichever is greater.

This bill provides that, if two or more pupils reside in the same household and attend the same private school on the same school schedule, the contract may, at the discretion of the school board, provide for a total payment of the amount described above for all of the pupils of the household instead of for each of the pupils. The bill's provisions first apply to contracts entered into for the 2000-01 fiscal year.

The bill has the potential for cost savings to those local districts that will be transporting more than one pupil from the same household to the same private school on the same school schedule after July 1, 2000. Because the department does not collect data on the bill's provisions (the number of households with more than one pupil attending the same private school, the number of districts that will be affected) and because a school board, at its discretion, may provide payment as described in the bill, the local fiscal effect of this bill is indeterminable.

There is no state fiscal effect as a result of this bill.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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