

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
Pupil transportation: fees for additional transportation					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, the parent or guardian of a pupil, who is not statutorily required to be transported to and from a public or private school, may contract with the school board of the school district to provide such transportation. The school board is permitted to transport the pupil if requested to do so by the parent or guardian and if the parent or guardian agrees to pay a fee sufficient to reimburse the board for the costs incurred in providing such transportation. This bill would allow, but not require (as under current law), a school board to charge a fee for the transportation to and from school and would grant a school board the flexibility to waive the fee or any portion of the fee for any person who is unable to pay.

State Fiscal Effect

None.

Local Fiscal Effect

The fiscal effect on school districts is indeterminate, but is expected to be minimal. Districts could see reduced transportation revenues to the extent that, under this bill, they would waive or reduce the fees charged to families that are currently paying a fee to transport their children. Conversely, a district could see increased revenues to the extent that families would now choose to pay a reduced fee to transport their children if the fee otherwise charged under current law was too high for them to accept.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications