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Description Transportation aid to school districts										

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law requires the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to prorate state aid payments to school districts for transportation costs if the amount appropriated is insufficient to cover all eligible costs. Under this bill, if there is a balance in the appropriation after DPI pays all approved claims, DPI must distribute the balance to school districts on a prorated basis.

The bill also requires each school board, by February 1, 2009, to report to DPI the miles driven in the 2007–08 fiscal year to provide transportation to and from school for public and private pupils. Excluded from this calculation are transportation to and from extracurricular activities, the transportation of children with disabilities, shuttle services, and field trips. The bill directs DPI to submit a report summarizing the data to the legislature by May 1, 2009.

State Fiscal Effect

The bill's provision to allow DPI to distribute any balance of funds will not affect the level of the transportation aid appropriation - therefore there will be no fiscal effect. The bill does require the one-time reporting of school district transportation mileage. There will be one-time costs to DPI to create the reporting mechanism for districts and to prepare the report the legislature. It is assumed these costs will be absorbed by the department.

Local Fiscal Effect

While this bill does not affect the overall level of transportation aid appropriated, the provision allowing DPI to distribute any balance of funds could mean increased transportation aid revenues to eligible school districts in a given year. The level and frequency of these additional payments, however, is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications