March 16, 2021 – Introduced by Senator BRADLEY, cosponsored by Representatives J. RODRIGUEZ and THIESFELDT. Referred to Committee on Education.

AN ACT relating to: transportation to a private school during the 2020–21 school year for pupils who reside in a first class city school district.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, if a person had a contract with the Milwaukee Board of School Directors to transport a resident pupil to and from a private school in the 2019–20 school year and the person notifies the board that the person transported a resident pupil to and from a private school during the 2020–21 school year, the board must make a payment to the person in the 2020–21 school year. Under the bill, the amount paid in the 2020–21 school year is the amount the board paid the person under the contract in the 2019–20 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 transport solely a pupil who graduated high school during the 2019–20 school year. Finally, the bill specifies that the board may claim state transportation aid for payments made under the bill.

For further information see the 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. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Transportation of pupils attending a private school in a 1st class city school district; 2020–21 school year.
(a) In this subsection:

1. “Board” means the board of school directors in charge of the public schools of a city of the 1st class.

2. “Eligible party” means a person who had a transportation contract with the board unless the transportation contract was to transport solely a pupil who graduated high school during the 2019-20 school year.

3. “Transportation contract” means a contract between the board and a common carrier, the proper officials of a private school or private association, a pupil’s parent or guardian, or any other party to transport a pupil to and from a private school during the 2019-20 school year.

(b) If an eligible party notifies the board that the eligible party transported a pupil who resides in a 1st class city school district to a private school during the 2020-21 school year, the board shall pay the eligible party an amount equal to the total amount it paid the eligible party under its transportation contract with the eligible party for transportation provided during the 2019-20 school year.

(c) The board may claim transportation aid under s. 121.58 for payments made under this subsection.

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