



State of Wisconsin
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

LRB-0627/P3
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DOA:.....Stritchko, BB0225 - Transportation aid - increase rate for transporting more than 12 miles

FOR 2015-2017 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

EDUCATION

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Under current law, a school district required to provide transportation services to public and private school pupils enrolled in the school district is eligible to receive pupil transportation aid. The per pupil amount of pupil transportation aid for which a school district is eligible varies based on how far a pupil is transported.

This bill makes an independent charter school that elects to provide transportation to pupils attending the charter school eligible for pupil transportation aid. This bill also increases the per pupil transportation aid amount for transporting a pupil who lives more than 12 miles from the school the pupil attends from \$275 per school year to \$300 per school year.

For further information see the *state and 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. 118.40 (2r) (dm) of the statutes is created to read:

118.40 (2r) (dm) The operator of a charter school authorized under this subsection may provide transportation to pupils attending the charter school and may claim transportation aid under s. 121.58 for pupils so transported.

SECTION 2. 121.58 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 121.58 (1) (a).

SECTION 3. 121.58 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

121.58 (1) (b) Annually, by the time the department prescribes under s. 120.18, an operator of a charter school authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) that provides transportation to and from the charter school shall provide a report to the department that includes the number of pupils for whom transportation is provided and any other information the department requires related to the transportation of those pupils.

SECTION 4. 121.58 (2) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.58 (2) (a) (intro.) A school district ~~which~~ that provides transportation to and from a school under ss. 118.50 (3) (a), 121.54 (1) to (3), (5), and (6), and 121.57, ~~and the~~ a nonresident school district that a pupil attends under s. 118.51 or 121.84 (4) which elects to provide transportation under s. 121.54 (10), and an operator of a charter school authorized under s. 118.40 (2r) that provides transportation under s. 118.40 (2r) (dm) shall be paid state aid for such transportation at the following rates:

****NOTE: This is reconciled s. 121.58 (2) (a) (intro.). This SECTION has been affected by drafts with the following LRB numbers: LRB-0541/P2 and LRB-0627/P2.

SECTION 5. 121.58 (2) (a) 4. of the statutes is amended to read:

121.58 (2) (a) 4. For each pupil so transported whose residence is more than 12 miles from the school attended, ~~\$220 per school year in the 2012-13 school year~~

and \$275 per school year in the 2014-15 school year and \$300 per school year thereafter.

SECTION 6. 121.58 (6) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.58 **(6)** (b) If the appropriation under s. 20.255 (2) (cr) in any fiscal year exceeds the amount of approved claims paid in full under this section and s. 121.575, the department shall distribute the balance to those school districts and charter school operators entitled to state aid under this section, with each ~~school district~~ entitled recipient receiving a percentage of the balance equal to its percentage of the total approved claims.

SECTION 7. 121.58 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.58 **(7)** PAYMENT. Each school district and charter school operator entitled to state aid under this section shall receive its total aid entitlement in January.

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