



State of Wisconsin  
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

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DOA:.....Kretschmann, BB0189 - High Cost Transportation Aid Eligibility

**FOR 2025-2027 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

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

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**EDUCATION**

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

***High cost transportation aid; eligibility***

Under current law, a school district is eligible for high cost transportation aid if 1) the school district has a pupil population density of 50 or fewer pupils per square mile and 2) the school district's per pupil transportation cost exceeds 140 percent of the statewide average per pupil transportation cost. This bill lowers the second eligibility criterion to a per pupil transportation cost that exceeds 135 percent of the statewide average per pupil transportation cost.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

**SECTION 1.** 121.59 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.59 (2) (a) Divide the statewide school district transportation costs in the previous school year by the statewide membership in the previous school year and multiply the quotient by ~~1.4~~ 1.35.

**SECTION 9334. Initial applicability; Public Instruction.**

(1) HIGH COST TRANSPORTATION AID; ELIGIBILITY. The treatment of s. 121.59

(2) (a) first applies to aid paid in the 2025-26 school year.

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