

CHAPTER 648

AN ACT to amend 40.53 (1) and 40.56 (3) of the statutes, relating to the safety and welfare of all school pupils in the state.

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

SECTION 1. 40.53 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.53 (1) SCHOOL CHILDREN. Except as provided in s. 40.55, the school boards of all school districts \* \* \* shall provide transportation *only* to and from the public school *which they are entitled to attend*, for all pupils, *attending public and nonpublic schools*, residing in the district, *on regular routes approved for the public school bus* and 2 miles or more from the nearest public school they may attend *within said district*. Such school boards may provide transportation for teachers to and from school subject to the same controls and limitations as are provided by this section for the transportation of pupils. In districts operating high schools, the board may also provide transportation for nonresident public high school pupils residing 2 miles or more from the school within areas served by the school by bus routes approved by the county school committee and the state superintendent. If the district operating the high school does not provide transportation for nonresident high school pupils, the municipality in which the nonresident pupils reside shall arrange for such transportation and such municipality shall make claim to the county clerk for the cost of transportation so provided in the manner specified in s. 40.56 (2). The annual or special school meeting of any school district \* \* \*, or if no such meeting is held, then the school board of any such district may authorize the transportation of all or any part of the pupils of such school district *to and from the public school within the district which they are entitled to attend*, but if such transportation is furnished to less than all of the pupils there shall be reasonable uniformity in the minimum distance that pupils will be transported. The board of any public elementary school district which has suspended school shall provide transportation to and from school for all elementary pupils residing therein, and 2 miles or more from the nearest district school which they may attend, or 2 miles or more from any other district school which in the opinion of the state department of public instruction it is more feasible for them to attend.

SECTION 2. 40.56 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

40.56 (3) School districts and municipalities which furnish transportation to and from a public school as provided in s. 40.53 are entitled to receive state aid on account of such transportation at the rate of \$24 per school year per pupil transported to and from school whose residence is at least 2 miles and not more than 5 miles by the nearest traveled route from the public school \* \* \* *which they are entitled to attend* and \$36 per school year per pupil transported to and from school whose residence is more than 5 miles by the nearest traveled route from the public school attended. Such aids shall be reduced, proportionately, in the case of pupils transported for less than a full school year because of nonenrollment. Transportation aid to any district \* \* \* shall not exceed the actual cost of transportation to the district or municipality. No state aid of any kind shall be provided to any district which after July 1, 1949, charges any part of the cost of the transportation furnished under s. 40.53 against the pupils transported, their parents or guardians, nor shall any state aid of any

kind be provided to any district which fails to transport all of the pupils attending the district's school and whose transportation is required under s. 40.53. *Such aids shall not be contingent upon the pupils attending public school.*

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1962.

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