
SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5114

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Rockefeller, Parlette, Eide, Weinstein, Fairley, Keiser, Shin, Kohl-Welles, Murray, McAuliffe, Rasmussen, Kauffman, Kilmer, Franklin and Holmquist)

READ FIRST TIME 03/05/07.

1 AN ACT Relating to student transportation funding; amending RCW
2 28A.160.170; creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.160.170 and 1990 c 33 s 143 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Each district shall submit to the superintendent of public
7 instruction during October of each year a report containing the
8 following:

9 (1)(a) The number of eligible students transported to and from
10 school as provided for in RCW 28A.160.150 for the current school year
11 and the number of miles estimated to be driven for pupil transportation
12 services, along with a map describing student route stop locations and
13 school locations, and (b) the number of miles driven for pupil
14 transportation services as authorized in RCW 28A.160.150 the previous
15 school year; and

16 (2) Other operational data and descriptions as required by the
17 superintendent to determine allocation requirements for each district.
18 The superintendent shall require that districts separate the costs of

1 operating the program for the transportation of eligible students to
2 and from school as defined by RCW 28A.160.160(3) from non-to-and-from-
3 school pupil transportation costs in the annual financial statement.

4 Each district shall submit the information required in this section
5 on a timely basis as a condition of the continuing receipt of school
6 transportation moneys.

7 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The office of financial management, in
8 consultation with the superintendent of public instruction and the
9 joint legislative audit and review committee, shall contract for
10 development of two options for a pupil transportation funding
11 methodology. The consultants shall have expertise in school funding
12 methodologies, pupil transportation, and commercial transportation
13 logistics.

14 (2) In developing these options, the first priority shall be to
15 create a methodology that reflects actual costs and builds incentives
16 for the efficient use of resources. As a secondary priority, the
17 funding methodology, to the extent possible, shall provide school
18 districts with predictable levels of funding.

19 (3) In developing the funding methodology options, the office of
20 financial management and the contractor shall consult with the office
21 of the superintendent of public instruction, regional transportation
22 coordinators, and professional associations representing pupil
23 transportation coordinators, school business managers, school
24 administrators, and classified staff.

25 (4) By December 1, 2008, the office of financial management shall
26 report to the governor and the education and fiscal committees of the
27 legislature details of the pupil funding methodology options and
28 outline any legislation that would be required to implement those
29 options. The report submitted by the office of financial management
30 shall include an evaluation of the feasibility of some or all of the K-
31 12 pupil transportation program being supported by the state
32 transportation budget including reviewing the potential use of local
33 transit agencies.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act takes effect September

1 1, 2007.

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