
HOUSE BILL 1813

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By Representatives Sullivan, Santos, Ortiz-Self, and Ormsby

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1 AN ACT Relating to incorporating the costs of employee health
2 benefits into school district contracts for pupil transportation; and
3 amending RCW 28A.160.140.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.160.140 and 1990 c 33 s 140 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1)(a) As a condition of entering into a pupil transportation
8 services contract with a private nongovernmental entity, each school
9 district shall engage in an open competitive process at least once
10 every five years. This requirement shall not be construed to prohibit
11 a district from entering into a pupil transportation services
12 contract of less than five years in duration with a district option
13 to renew, extend, or terminate the contract, if the district engages
14 in an open competitive process at least once every five years after
15 July 26, 1987.

16 (b) Beginning January 1, 2020, any pupil transportation services
17 contract must include:

18 (i) Sufficient funds specifically for the contracting employer to
19 provide the employees of the contractor with an employer health
20 benefits contribution equal to the monthly school employer funding

1 rate for the school employees' benefits board program, less the
2 retiree remittance for the public employees' benefits board; and
3 (ii) An amount equivalent to the total employer and employee
4 contribution rate to the school employees' retirement system,
5 multiplied by the estimated salaries of the employees of the
6 contractor.

7 (2) As used in this section:

8 ~~((1))~~ (a) "Employees of the contractor" means employees working
9 sufficient compensated hours for the contracting employer to meet the
10 eligibility requirements for the school employees' benefits board
11 program if the employee was directly employed by a school district;

12 (b) "Open competitive process" means either one of the following,
13 at the choice of the school district:

14 ~~((a))~~ (i) The solicitation of bids or quotations and the award
15 of contracts under RCW 28A.335.190; or

16 ~~((b))~~ (ii) The competitive solicitation of proposals and their
17 evaluation consistent with the process and criteria recommended or
18 required, as the case may be, by the office of financial management
19 for state agency acquisition of personal service contractors;

20 ~~((2))~~ (c) "Pupil transportation services contract" means a
21 contract for the operation of privately owned or school district
22 owned school buses, and the services of drivers or operators,
23 management and supervisory personnel, and their support personnel
24 such as secretaries, dispatchers, and mechanics, or any combination
25 thereof, to provide students with transportation to and from school
26 on a regular basis; and

27 ~~((3))~~ (d) "School bus" means a motor vehicle as defined in RCW
28 46.04.521 and under the rules of the superintendent of public
29 instruction.

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