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HOUSE BILL 2923

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By Representatives Backlund, Lambert, Koster and Hymes

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1            AN ACT Relating to school bus improvement; adding a new section to  
2 chapter 28A.160 RCW; and making an appropriation.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.160  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            (1) Certain school districts may have unusual requirements for  
7 either bus specifications or equipment options or both that exceed  
8 current state bid standards. To address this, the school bus  
9 improvement grant program is established. The purpose of the program  
10 is to provide grants for school districts if a district can demonstrate  
11 that, due to terrain, climate, or road conditions, the district  
12 requires buses with features in addition to the minimum requirements  
13 under RCW 28A.160.195.

14            (2) Districts purchasing buses during calendar year 1996 may apply  
15 to the superintendent of public instruction for the funds. The  
16 superintendent, in consultation with the regional transportation  
17 coordinators of the educational service districts, shall establish an  
18 application and award process that considers district requests in terms  
19 of the most current industry performance specifications for either

1 student transportation vehicles or related vehicle equipment or both  
2 relative to the identified district need in excess of state standards.

3 (3) The superintendent, in consultation with the regional  
4 transportation coordinators of the educational service districts, shall  
5 establish a process that provides for initial award of funds within  
6 sixty days of the effective date of this section and if there is an  
7 appropriation specifically referencing this grant program.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of one million dollars, or as much  
9 thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year ending  
10 June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the superintendent of public  
11 instruction solely for the school bus improvement grant program  
12 specified in this act.

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