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HOUSE FILE 378

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a school district transportation levy.
 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 285.17 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING.
2 Transportation services provided by a school district,
3 other than for reimbursement of nonpublic school pupil
4 transportation pursuant to section 285.2, shall be funded
5 pursuant to the district transportation levy established in
6 section 298.4A. A school district with an average
7 transportation cost exceeding the state average transportation
8 cost by one hundred fifty percent shall be eligible for
9 transportation assistance aid pursuant to section 257.31,
10 subsection 17.

11 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 298.4A DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION
12 LEVY.

13 1. The board of directors of an eligible school district
14 may certify for levy by April 15 of a school year, a tax on
15 all taxable property in the school district for a district
16 transportation levy. A school district shall be eligible to
17 levy for transportation costs if the district's average
18 transportation cost exceeds one hundred seventy dollars per
19 pupil. The revenues from the tax levied in this section shall
20 be placed in the district transportation levy fund of the
21 school district. District transportation levy revenues shall
22 be expended for transportation costs incurred pursuant to
23 chapter 285 including, but not limited to, costs for the
24 following:

- 25 a. Transporting students.
- 26 b. Purchasing of transportation equipment.
- 27 c. Purchasing transportation services.
- 28 d. Leasing transportation equipment and lease-purchasing
29 transportation equipment.

30 2. The amount certified for levy shall not include claims
31 for reimbursement of nonpublic school pupil transportation for
32 which funds are appropriated to the department of education
33 pursuant to section 285.2.

34 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 298A.3A DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION
35 LEVY FUND.

1 The district transportation levy fund is a special revenue
2 fund. A district transportation levy fund must be established
3 in any school corporation which levies the tax authorized
4 under section 298.4A.

5 EXPLANATION

6 This bill provides that transportation services provided by
7 a school district pursuant to Code chapter 285 shall be funded
8 by a district transportation levy. The bill provides that a
9 school district shall be eligible to levy for transportation
10 costs if the district's average transportation cost exceeds
11 \$170 per pupil. The bill provides that revenue from the levy
12 shall be placed in a district transportation levy fund of the
13 school district, and expended for transporting students,
14 purchasing transportation equipment, purchasing transportation
15 services, and leasing or lease-purchasing transportation
16 equipment. The bill provides that the amount certified for
17 levy shall not include reimbursement claims for nonpublic
18 school pupil transportation for which funds are appropriated
19 to the department of education pursuant to Code section 285.2.
20 The bill also provides that a school district with an average
21 transportation cost exceeding the state average transportation
22 cost by 150 percent shall remain eligible for transportation
23 assistance aid pursuant to Code section 257.31, subsection 17.

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