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

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

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

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

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

35 The district transportation levy fund is a special revenue

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

4 EXPLANATION

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

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