

Senate Study Bill 1175

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the transportation school districts may
2 provide to students participating in open enrollment when
3 construction requires temporary alteration of a regular school
4 bus route.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 1 Section 1. Section 282.18, subsection 10, Code 2009, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:

1 3 10. a. Notwithstanding section 285.1 relating to
1 4 transportation of nonresident pupils, the parent or guardian
1 5 is responsible for transporting the pupil without
1 6 reimbursement to and from a point on a regular school bus
1 7 route of the receiving district. However, a receiving
1 8 district may send school vehicles into the district of
1 9 residence of the pupil using the open enrollment option under
1 10 this section, for the purpose of transporting the pupil to and
1 11 from school in the receiving district, if either of the
1 12 following conditions exist:

1 13 (1) The boards of both the sending and receiving districts
1 14 agree to this arrangement.

1 15 (2) Road construction on the receiving school district's
1 16 regular school bus route necessitates a temporary alteration
1 17 of the receiving school district's regular school bus route
1 18 for reasons of safety, economy, or efficiency.

1 19 b. If the pupil meets the economic eligibility
1 20 requirements established by the department and state board of
1 21 education, the sending district is responsible for providing
1 22 transportation or paying the pro rata cost of the
1 23 transportation to a parent or guardian for transporting the
1 24 pupil to and from a point on a regular school bus route of a
1 25 contiguous receiving district unless the cost of providing
1 26 transportation or the pro rata cost of the transportation to a
1 27 parent or guardian exceeds the average transportation cost per
1 28 pupil transported for the previous school year in the
1 29 district. If the cost exceeds the average transportation cost
1 30 per pupil transported for the previous school year, the
1 31 sending district shall only be responsible for that average
1 32 per pupil amount. A sending district which provides
1 33 transportation for a pupil to a contiguous receiving district
1 34 under this subsection may withhold from the district cost per
1 35 pupil amount, that is to be paid to the receiving district, an
2 1 amount which represents the average or pro rata cost per pupil
2 2 for transportation, whichever is less.

EXPLANATION

2 4 This bill permits a receiving school district to send
2 5 school vehicles into the school district of residence in order
2 6 to transport a student participating in open enrollment to and
2 7 from school when road construction necessitates a temporary
2 8 alteration of the receiving school district's regular bus
2 9 route for reasons of safety, economy, or efficiency.

2 10 Currently, the receiving school district can only send
2 11 vehicles into the district of residence for purposes of
2 12 transporting students participating in open enrollment if both
2 13 school districts agree to the arrangement.

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