

House Study Bill 678 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION BILL BY CHAIRPERSON
WHEELER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the payment of claims associated with
2 nonpublic school pupil transportation, making appropriations,
3 and including effective date provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. 2025 Iowa Acts, chapter 159, section 1, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 SECTION 1. LIMITATIONS OF STANDING APPROPRIATIONS — FY
4 2025-2026. Notwithstanding the standing appropriation in the
5 following designated section for the fiscal year beginning July
6 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the amount appropriated from
7 the general fund of the state pursuant to that section for the
8 following designated purpose shall not exceed the following
9 amount:

10 For payment of claims for nonpublic school pupil
11 transportation under section 285.2:

12	\$ 8,997,091
13	<u>9,183,974.55</u>

14 If total approved claims for reimbursement for nonpublic
15 school pupil transportation exceed the amount appropriated in
16 accordance with this section, the department of education shall
17 prorate the amount of each approved claim.

18 Sec. 2. PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR NONPUBLIC SCHOOL PUPIL
19 TRANSPORTATION. The department of education shall use the
20 additional moneys appropriated in this Act to pay any claim for
21 nonpublic school pupil transportation under section 285.2 that
22 was not submitted in a timely manner due to an administrative
23 error.

24 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate
25 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill relates to the payment of claims associated with
30 nonpublic school pupil transportation.

31 Code section 285.2 (payment of claims for nonpublic school
32 transportation) appropriates from the general fund of the state
33 to the department of education moneys sufficient to pay the
34 approved claims of public school districts for transportation
35 services to nonpublic school pupils. The amount of that

1 appropriation was limited to \$8,997,091 by 2025 Iowa Acts,
2 chapter 159. The bill amends 2025 Iowa Acts, chapter 159, to
3 increase the amount of this appropriation by \$186,883.55. The
4 bill directs the department of education to use these additional
5 moneys to pay any claim for nonpublic school pupil transportation
6 under Code section 285.2 that was not submitted in a timely
7 manner due to an administrative error.

8 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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