

HOUSE BILL NO. 378

INTRODUCED BY PORTER, RAMIREZ

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 75-7018, R.C.M. 1947; TO INCREASE THE SCHEDULE OF REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCHOOL BUSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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INTRODUCED BILL

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(a) ~~thirty-five-cents-(\$0.35)~~ \$0.52 per bus mile for a school bus with a rated capacity of not less than ~~twelve~~ 12 but not more than ~~fifty-(50)~~ children; and

(b) when the rated capacity is more than ~~fifty-(50)~~ children, an additional ~~two-cents-(\$0.02)~~ per bus mile for each additional child in the rated capacity in excess of ~~fifty-(50)~~ shall be added to a base rate of thirty-five cents ~~(\$0.35)~~ \$0.52 per bus mile.

(2) When the number of eligible transportees boarding a school bus on an approved route is less than ~~seventy-five per-cent-(75%)~~ of its rated capacity, the rate per bus mile traveled shall be computed as follows:

(a) determine the number of eligible transportees boarding the school bus on such route;

(b) multiply the number determined in subsection (2)(a) by ~~twenty-five-per-cent-(25%)~~ and round-off to the nearest whole number;

(c) add the amount calculated in subsection (2)(b) to the number determined in subsection (2) (a) to determine the adjusted rated capacity for the bus; and

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1 (d) use the adjusted rated capacity determined in
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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 401-77

FISCAL NOTE

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compliance with a written request received February 8, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 378 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly. Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 378 increases the reimbursement rate for school buses from \$0.35 per bus mile to \$0.52 per bus mile.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The number of bus miles traveled will be the same in FY78 and FY 79 as in FY 77, an estimated 89,480 miles.
2. 45% of the miles traveled are by high school buses; 55% by elementary school buses.
3. The increase in the rates redistributes the financial burden from the school districts to county and state government entities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

| | <u>FY 78</u> | <u>FY 79</u> |
|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| State | \$ 912,704 | \$ 912,704 |
| *County | 1,323,421 | 1,323,421 |
| District | <u>(2,236,125)</u> | <u>(2,236,125)</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 0</u> | <u>\$ 0</u> |

*\$501,987 of the county figure is funded by the basic 25 mill levy of the Foundation Program.

Richard L. Dwyer for
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-14-77

Approved by Committee
on Education

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6 (a) ~~thirty-five cents (\$0.35)~~ \$0.52 per bus mile for a
7 school bus with a rated capacity of not less than ~~twelve~~
8 ~~(12)~~ but not more than ~~fifty (50)~~ children; and

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10 children, an additional ~~two cents (\$0.02)~~ per bus mile for
11 each additional child in the rated capacity in excess of
12 ~~fifty (50)~~ shall be added to a base rate of ~~thirty-five~~
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16 ~~per cent (75%)~~ of its rated capacity, the rate per bus mile
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21 (2)(a) by ~~twenty-five per cent (25%)~~ and round-off to the
22 nearest whole number;

23 (c) add the amount calculated in subsection (2)(b) to
24 the number determined in subsection (2) (a) to determine the
25 adjusted rated capacity for the bus; and

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