

1 SENATE BILL NO. 188

2 INTRODUCED BY THOMAS

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9 be altered by any authority other than the legislature of
10 the state of Montana."

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 359-77

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 3, 19 77, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 188 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:

Senate Bill 188 raises the reimbursement rate by 50% to parents transporting their children to school and allows reimbursement for separate trips.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The number of transportation reimbursement contracts for FY 78 and FY 79 will be the same as in FY 76.
2. 100 families will be eligible for increased reimbursement for separate trips; two-thirds of those eligible are in the elementary schools and one-third are in the high schools.
3. The average mileage paid to those eligible for separate trips is for ten miles at \$2.04 per day.
4. Elementary transportation costs are borne equally by state, county and district entities; two-thirds of the high school transportation costs are borne by the county and one-third by the state.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increased transportation rates	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
State	\$ 65,986	\$ 65,986
*County	93,946	93,946
District	<u>38,024</u>	<u>38,024</u>
	<u>\$197,956</u>	<u>\$197,956</u>

*\$38,024 of the county figure is funded by the foundation program basic 25 mill levy.

Multiple trips

	<u>FY 78</u>	<u>FY 79</u>
State	\$ 12,240	\$ 12,240
*County	16,279	16,279
District	<u>8,200</u>	<u>8,200</u>
	<u>\$ 36,719</u>	<u>\$ 36,719</u>

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The fiscal impact of the multiple trips portion of the bill is identical to that of House Bill 649.

Richard L. Franey
 BUDGET DIRECTOR
 Office of Budget and Program Planning
 Date: 2-10-77

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Richard L. Drang
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-14-77

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 359-77
(Amended)

FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received March 14, , 19 77 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 188 as amended pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 188, as amended, raises the reimbursement rate by 25% to parents transporting their children to school and allows reimbursement for separate trips.

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State	\$32,993	\$32,993
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	<u>\$98,978</u>	<u>\$98,978</u>

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Richard L. Young
BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 3-14-77

Approved by Committee
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