

House Bill 157

In The House

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Introduced and referred
to Committee on Education.

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Committee recommend bill
do not pass.

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 157
 2 INTRODUCED BY Benton Ford Merrill
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOL
 5 DISTRICTS TO REQUEST THAT INSTALLMENTS OF THE STATE
 6 TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT BE DISBURSED BY AUGUST 31 AND
 7 JANUARY 30 OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR; AMENDING SECTION 20-10-145,
 8 MCA."

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

11 Section 1. Section 20-10-145, MCA, is amended to read:
 12 "20-10-145. State transportation reimbursement. (1)
 13 Any district providing school bus transportation or
 14 individual transportation in accordance with the
 15 transportation law, board of public education transportation
 16 policy, and superintendent of public instruction
 17 transportation rules shall receive a state reimbursement of
 18 its transportation expenditures under the transportation
 19 reimbursement rate provisions of 20-10-141 and 20-10-142.
 20 The state transportation reimbursement shall not exceed
 21 one-third of the reimbursement amounts established in such
 22 sections or one-third of the district's transportation fund
 23 budget, whichever is smaller, and shall be computed on the
 24 basis of the number of days the transportation services were
 25 actually rendered. In determining the amount of the state

1 transportation reimbursement, no amount claimed by a
 2 district shall be considered for reimbursement unless such
 3 amount has been paid in the regular manner provided for the
 4 payment of other financial obligations of the district.

5 (2) Requests for the state transportation
 6 reimbursement shall be made by each district semiannually
 7 during the school fiscal year on the claim forms and
 8 procedure promulgated by the superintendent of public
 9 instruction. A district may request that the first
 10 installment of such funds be paid by August 31 of the school
 11 year, based on an estimate of the anticipated amount due by
 12 the end of the school year. A district may request that the
 13 second estimated installment be paid by January 30 of each
 14 school year. Such estimated installments are subject to any
 15 reimbursement to the superintendent of public instruction or
 16 additional payments due as determined by actual computation
 17 on or before June 30 of the school year. The claims for
 18 state transportation reimbursements shall be routed by the
 19 district to the county superintendent, who after reviewing
 20 such claims shall send them to the superintendent of public
 21 instruction. The superintendent of public instruction shall
 22 establish the validity and accuracy of the claims for the
 23 state transportation reimbursements by determining their
 24 compliance with the transportation law, board of public
 25 education transportation policy, and the transportation

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1 rules of the superintendent of public instruction. After
2 making any necessary adjustments to such claims, he shall
3 cause their payment by ordering a disbursement from the
4 state moneys appropriated by the legislature of the state of
5 Montana for the state transportation reimbursement. Such
6 payment of all the district's claims within one county shall
7 be made to the county treasurer of such county, and the
8 county superintendent shall apportion such payment in
9 accordance with the apportionment order supplied by the
10 superintendent of public instruction."

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