

HOUSE BILL NO. 419

INTRODUCED BY DONALDSON, REGAN, MCCALLUM,
MARKS, WINSLOW

IN THE HOUSE

January 20, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
January 31, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 1, 1983	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 2, 1983	On motion, pass consideration.
February 3, 1983	On motion, taken from second reading and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
February 18, 1983	On motion, taken from Committee on Appropriations and referred to second reading.
February 21, 1983	Second reading, do pass as amended.
February 23, 1983	Correctly engrossed.
	Third reading, passed. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 1, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
March 23, 1983	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.

March 24, 1983

Second reading, concurred in.

March 28, 1983

Third reading, concurred in.
Ayes, 46; Noes, 1.

IN THE HOUSE

March 28, 1983

Returned to House with
amendments.

April 1, 1983

Second reading, pass
consideration.

April 4, 1983

Second reading, amendments
concurred in.

April 5, 1983

Third reading, amendments
concurred in.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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 3 Mark Walt McCallister Winston
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 21 during the ensuing school fiscal year. Any vehicle, the
 22 operation of which is reimbursed under the rate provisions
 23 of this schedule, shall be a school bus, as defined by this
 24 title, driven by a qualified driver on a bus route approved
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 15 fiscal 1983 and each year thereafter per bus mile.

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 17 a school bus on an approved route is less than two-thirds of
 18 its rated capacity, the rate per bus mile traveled shall be
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 24 number;

25 (c) add the amount calculated in subsection (3)(b) to

1 the number determined in subsection (3)(a) to determine the
2 adjusted rated capacity for the bus; and
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4 subsection (3)(c) as the rated capacity of the bus to
5 determine the rate per bus mile traveled from the rate
6 schedule in subsection (2).

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8 riding positions of a school bus as determined under the
9 policy adopted by the board of public education."

10 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. This act is
11 effective July 1, 1983.

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FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 22, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 419 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 419 provides school transportation reimbursement rate schedules based on the number of eligible transportees that board a school bus on an approved route.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) The total bus "on-schedule" amount for FY 1984 and FY 1985 will continue at the 1982-83 rate (\$14,036,477).
- 2) The state share under current law will be the same percent of the schedule amount as in FY 1982 (35.054%).
- 3) The state share under the proposed law will be the same percent as indicated in assumption 2.
- 4) The proposed law will reduce the state cost to 92.15% of the current law calculation.

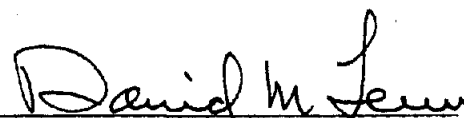
FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 84</u>	<u>FY 85</u>
State School Transportation Cost:		
Under Current Law	\$4,920,000	\$4,920,000
Under Proposed Law	<u>4,534,000</u>	<u>4,534,000</u>
Decrease In State Obligation	<u>\$ (386,000)</u>	<u>\$ (386,000)</u>

LOCAL IMPACT:

Both state and county transportation reimbursements to school districts are based on the "on-schedule" amount. This reduced schedule cost would therefore effect the amount of county reimbursements to school districts.

FISCAL NOTE 8:0/1



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 1-22-83

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March 23, 1983

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT
(Education & Cultural Resources)

That House Bill No. 419 be amended as follows:

1. Page 2, line 25.

Following: "by"

Strike: "one-half"

Insert: "two"

2. Page 3, lines 2 through 4.

Strike: subsection (c) in its entirety

Reletter: subsequent subsection

3. Page 3, line 6.

Following: "(3)"

Strike: "(c)"

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