

HOUSE BILL NO. 772

INTRODUCED BY BENGTSON, H. HAMMOND, PECK, ERNST,
JACOBSON, DONALDSON, HAFLEY, TVEIT

BY REQUEST OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

IN THE HOUSE

February 12, 1983	Introduced and referred to Committee on Appropriations.
February 21, 1983	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted. Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 22, 1983	Second reading, do pass.
February 23, 1983	Considered 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 concurrent in as amended. Report adopted.
March 25, 1983	Second reading, concurred in.
March 28, 1983	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 47; Noes, 0.

IN THE HOUSE

March 28, 1983

Returned to House with
amendments.

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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 12 fiscal ~~1983 1985~~ and each year thereafter per bus mile for a
 13 school bus with a rated capacity of not less than 12 but not
 14 more than 50 ~~45~~ children; and

15 (b) when the rated capacity is more than 50 ~~45~~
 16 children, an additional ~~2-1/2~~ 2 cents per bus mile for each
 17 additional child in the rated capacity in excess of 50 ~~45~~
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21 (3) The rated capacity shall be the number of riding
 22 positions of a school bus as determined under the policy
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INTRODUCED BILL

STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 395-83

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received February 14, , 19 83 , there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 772 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

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 772 would raise the on-schedule school bus reimbursement to a base rate of 72 cents per mile the first year and to 80 cents per mile the second year of the biennium. It would change the break point in bus size from 50 to 45 and reduce the increment from 2.5 cents to 2 cents.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1) Bus overall costs will remain the same for the next biennium.
- 2) Bus miles will remain the same for the next biennium.
- 3) Bus size will remain the same for the next biennium.
- 4) There will be no load requirement as under the present law.

FISCAL IMPACT:

<u>Expenditures:</u>	<u>FY 84</u>	<u>FY 85</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under Proposed Law	\$ 5,320,000	\$ 5,770,000	\$ 11,090,000
Under Current Law	4,830,000	4,830,000	9,660,000
Increase	<u>\$ 490,000</u>	<u>\$ 940,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,430,000</u>

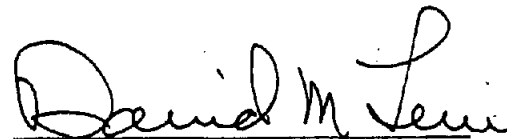
LOCAL IMPACT:

Decrease in local property taxes	\$ 490,000	\$ 940,000	\$ 1,430,000
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COMMENTS:

If overall bus costs increase, the decrease in local property taxes will not be as great as indicated above.

FISCAL NOTE 14:H/1



BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-17-83

Approved by Comm.
on Appropriations

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SENATE AMENDMENTS

MISSING

REFERENCE BILL

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