

SENATE BILL NO. 57

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Bill Killed.

1 Senate BILL NO. 57
2 INTRODUCED BY Stony
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TRUSTEES
5 OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FINANCE THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION
6 FUND BUDGET THE DISTRICT'S CONVEYANCE OF PUPILS BY SCHOOL
7 BUS TO AND FROM EXTRACURRICULAR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES; AMENDING
8 SECTION 20-10-143, MCA."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Section 20-10-143, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "20-10-143. Budgeting for transportation and
13 transmittal of transportation contracts. (1) The trustees of
14 any district furnishing transportation to pupils who are
15 residents of such district shall have the authority and it
16 shall be their duty to provide a transportation fund budget
17 that is adequate to finance such district's transportation
18 contractual obligations and any other transportation
19 expenditures necessary for the conduct of its transportation
20 program. The transportation fund budget shall include:

21 (a) an adequate amount to finance the maintenance and
22 operation of district owned and operated school buses;

23 (b) the annual contracted amount for the maintenance
24 and operation of school buses by a private party;

25 (c) the annual contracted amount for individual

1 transportation, including any increased amount due to
2 isolation, which shall not exceed the schedule amounts
3 prescribed in 20-10-142;

4 (d) any amount necessary for the purchase, rental, or
5 insurance of school buses; and

6 (e) any other amount necessary to finance the
7 administration, operation, or maintenance of the
8 transportation program of the district, as determined by the
9 trustees.

10 (2) The trustees may include a contingency amount in
11 the transportation fund budget for the purpose of enabling
12 the district to fulfill any obligation to provide
13 transportation in accordance with the transportation law for
14 any pupils not residing in the district at the time of the
15 adoption of the preliminary budget and who subsequently
16 became residents of such district during the school fiscal
17 year or pupils who have become eligible transportees since
18 the adoption of the preliminary budget because their legal
19 residence has been changed. The budgeted contingency amount
20 shall not exceed 10% of the transportation schedule amount
21 as calculated under the provisions of 20-10-141 and
22 20-10-142 for all transportation services authorized by such
23 schedule and provided by the district unless 10% of such
24 transportation schedule amount shall be less than \$100, in
25 which case \$100 shall be the maximum limitation for such

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1 budgeted contingency amount.

2 ~~(3) The trustees may include in the transportation~~
 3 ~~fund budget an amount necessary to finance the district's~~
 4 ~~conveyance of pupils by school bus to and from~~
 5 ~~extracurricular activities. The trustees may not include~~
 6 ~~the mileage for such conveyance in the total number of miles~~
 7 ~~used to determine the schedule amount, as provided for in~~
 8 ~~20-10-144.~~

9 ~~(3)(4)~~ As provided in 20-9-162, an emergency
 10 transportation fund budget may be adopted subject to the
 11 provisions of the emergency budgeting law.

12 ~~(4)(5)~~ The transportation fund budgeted expenditures
 13 appropriated by the trustees shall be reported on the
 14 regular budget form prescribed by the superintendent of
 15 public instruction in accordance with 20-9-103, and the
 16 adoption of the transportation fund budget shall be
 17 completed in accordance with the school budgeting laws. When
 18 the adopted preliminary budget is sent to the county
 19 superintendent, the trustees shall also send copies of all
 20 completed transportation contracts for school bus
 21 transportation and individual transportation to the county
 22 superintendent. Such contracts shall substantiate all
 23 contracted transportation services incorporated in the
 24 preliminary budget, and after the county superintendent has
 25 utilized the contracts for such purpose but before the

1 fourth Monday of July, he shall send all the transportation
 2 contracts received by him to the superintendent of public
 3 instruction. When the county superintendent determines a
 4 deviation between the preliminary transportation fund budget
 5 amount for contracted transportation services and the
 6 contracted amount for such services, he shall immediately
 7 call the deviation to the attention of the appropriate
 8 trustees and shall allow the trustees to change the
 9 preliminary budgeted amount to compensate for such
 10 deviation."

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