HOUSE BILL REPORT

SB 5324

As Reported By House Committee On: Education

Title: An act relating to correcting a double amendment related to reimbursement for school transportation costs.

Brief Description: Correcting a double amendment related to reimbursement of school transportation costs.

Sponsors: Senator Pelz; by request of Law Revision Commission.

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on: Education, April 1, 1993, DP.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 18 members: Representatives Dorn, Chair; Cothern, Vice Chair; Brough, Ranking Minority Member; Thomas, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brumsickle; Carlson; Eide; G. Fisher; Hansen; Holm; Jones; Karahalios; J. Kohl; Patterson; Pruitt; Roland; Stevens; and Vance.

Staff: Margaret Allen (786-7191).

Background: A statute relating to school transportation costs, RCW 28A.150.280, was amended twice by the Legislature in 1981. The amendments were inconsistent.

One amendment, Chapter 265, Laws of 1981, created an allocation system for reimbursement of school transportation costs.

The other amendment, Chapter 343, Laws of 1981, excluded reimbursement for the costs of transporting a student to any school other than one geographically nearest or next nearest to the student's residence. In 1981, a federal court held that exclusion to be unconstitutional.

The Law Revision Commission recommends reenactment of Chapter 265, Laws of 1981, thus eliminating the unconstitutional provision.

Summary of Bill: Chapter 265, Laws of 1981 (RCW 28A.150.280) is reenacted.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Witnesses: None.