

2 **SB 6684** - H COMM AMD **NOT ADOPTED 2-29-96**
3 By Committee on Education

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.160.150 and 1990 c 33 s 141 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Funds allocated for transportation costs shall be in addition to
10 the basic education allocation. The distribution formula developed in
11 RCW 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.180 shall be for allocation purposes
12 only and shall not be construed as mandating specific levels of pupil
13 transportation services by local districts. Operating costs as
14 determined under RCW 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.180 shall be funded at
15 one hundred percent or as close thereto as reasonably possible for
16 transportation of an eligible student to and from school as defined in
17 RCW 28A.160.160(3). In addition, funding shall be provided for
18 transportation services for students living within one radius mile from
19 school as determined under RCW 28A.160.180(2).

20 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.160.160 and 1995 c 77 s 17 are each amended to
21 read as follows:

22 For purposes of RCW 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.190, except where
23 the context shall clearly indicate otherwise, the following definitions
24 apply:

25 (1) "Eligible student" means any student served by the
26 transportation program of a school district or compensated for
27 individual transportation arrangements authorized by RCW 28A.160.030
28 whose route stop is more than one radius mile from the student's
29 school, except if the student to be transported(~~(;—(a))~~) is disabled
30 under RCW 28A.155.020 and is either not ambulatory or not capable of
31 protecting his or her own welfare while traveling to or from the school
32 or agency where special education services are provided, in which case
33 no mileage distance restriction applies(~~(; or (b) qualifies for an~~
34 ~~exemption due to hazardous walking conditions)~~)).

1 (2) "Superintendent" means the superintendent of public
2 instruction.

3 (3) "To and from school" means the transportation of students for
4 the following purposes:

5 (a) Transportation to and from route stops and schools;

6 (b) Transportation to and from schools pursuant to an interdistrict
7 agreement pursuant to RCW 28A.335.160;

8 (c) Transportation of students between schools and learning centers
9 for instruction specifically required by statute; and

10 (d) Transportation of students with disabilities to and from
11 schools and agencies for special education services.

12 Extended day transportation shall not be considered part of
13 transportation of students "to and from school" for the purposes of
14 chapter 61, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess.

15 (4) (~~"Hazardous walking conditions" means those instances of the~~
16 ~~existence of dangerous walkways documented by the board of directors of~~
17 ~~a school district which meet criteria specified in rules adopted by the~~
18 ~~superintendent of public instruction. A school district that receives~~
19 ~~an exemption for hazardous walking conditions should demonstrate that~~
20 ~~good faith efforts are being made to alleviate the problem and that the~~
21 ~~district, in cooperation with other state and local governing~~
22 ~~authorities, is attempting to reduce the incidence of hazardous walking~~
23 ~~conditions. The superintendent of public instruction shall appoint an~~
24 ~~advisory committee to prepare guidelines and procedures for determining~~
25 ~~the existence of hazardous walking conditions. The committee shall~~
26 ~~include but not be limited to representatives from law enforcement~~
27 ~~agencies, school districts, the department of transportation, city and~~
28 ~~county government, the insurance industry, parents, school directors~~
29 ~~and legislators.)) "Transportation services" for students living within
30 one radius mile from school means school transportation services
31 including the use of buses and funding of crossing guards. Priority
32 for transportation services shall be given to students in grades
33 kindergarten through five.~~

34 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.160.180 and 1995 c 77 s 18 are each amended to
35 read as follows:

36 Each district's annual student transportation allocation shall be
37 based on differential rates determined by the superintendent of public
38 instruction in the following manner:

1 (1) The superintendent shall annually calculate a standard student
2 mile allocation rate for determining the transportation allocation for
3 those services provided for in RCW 28A.160.150. "Standard student mile
4 allocation rate," as used in this chapter, means the per mile
5 allocation rate for transporting an eligible student. The standard
6 student mile allocation rate may be adjusted to include such additional
7 differential factors as distance; restricted passenger load;
8 circumstances that require use of special types of transportation
9 vehicles; student with disabilities load; and small fleet maintenance.

10 (2) For transportation services for students living within one
11 radius mile from school, the allocation shall be based on the number of
12 students in grades kindergarten through five living within one radius
13 mile as specified in the biennial appropriations act.

14 (3) The superintendent of public instruction shall annually
15 calculate allocation rate(s), which shall include vehicle amortization,
16 for determining the transportation allocation for transporting students
17 in district-owned passenger cars, as defined in RCW 46.04.382, pursuant
18 to RCW 28A.160.010 for services provided for in RCW 28A.160.150 if a
19 school district deems it advisable to use such vehicles after the
20 school district board of directors has considered the safety of the
21 students being transported as well as the economy of utilizing a
22 district-owned passenger car in lieu of a school bus.

23 ~~((+3))~~ (4) Prior to June 1st of each year the superintendent shall
24 submit to the office of financial management, and the committees on
25 education and ways and means of the senate and house of representatives
26 a report outlining the methodology and rationale used in determining
27 the allocation rates to be used the following year.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act shall be effective for school
29 transportation programs in the 1996-97 school year and thereafter."

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33 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "school;" strike the
34 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.160.150,
35 28A.160.160, and 28A.160.180; and creating a new section."

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