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By Representatives Talcott, Lantz, Regala, Van Luven, Radcliff and Sullivan

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to a study of the student transportation
2 allocation; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The joint legislative audit and review
5 committee shall either conduct or contract for a study on student
6 transportation, with emphasis on the allocation provided for in RCW
7 28A.160.150 through 28A.160.190. The study shall include an analysis
8 of the adequacy of the allocation to fund home-to-school and return
9 transportation in support of the basic education program. The study
10 also shall examine school district costs in funding other
11 transportation in support of the basic education program. The study
12 shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the effect of the
13 following factors on student transportation costs: Traffic congestion
14 and resulting increases in driver time; the need to transport students
15 within a one-mile radius of a school due to hazardous walking
16 conditions; school district transportation scheduling practices;
17 current and potential use of mass transit; school districts contracting
18 for transportation services with private providers; various geographic
19 features; weather conditions; state rules that provide for counting

1 only those students riding to school, not those riding home from
2 school; state rules that limit when ridership counts may be reported
3 for allocation, and when the counts may be adjusted; and state rules
4 for counting mid-day kindergarten students for funding.

5 Relevant statutes and rules that affect student transportation
6 funding shall be reviewed. The joint legislative audit and review
7 committee shall use the office of the superintendent of public
8 instruction and the regional transportation supervisors in planning and
9 conducting the study. The results and recommendations shall be
10 reported to the house of representatives and senate education
11 committees, the house of representatives appropriations committee, the
12 senate ways and means committee, and the office of financial management
13 by December 1998.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of five hundred thousand dollars, or
15 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
16 year ending June 30, 1999, from the general fund to the joint
17 legislative audit and review committee for the purpose of conducting
18 the study in this act.

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