
SENATE BILL 5874

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By Senator Sheahan

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1 AN ACT Relating to the student transportation funding formula; and
2 amending RCW 28A.160.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.160.180 and 1996 c 279 s 3 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

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

9 (1) The superintendent shall annually calculate a standard student
10 mile allocation rate for determining the transportation allocation for
11 those services provided for in RCW 28A.160.150. "Standard student mile
12 allocation rate," as used in this chapter, means the per mile
13 allocation rate for transporting an eligible student. The standard
14 student mile allocation rate may be adjusted to include such additional
15 differential factors as distance; restricted passenger load;
16 circumstances that require use of special types of transportation
17 vehicles; student with disabilities load; and small fleet maintenance.
18 In calculating the allocation to each school district, the
19 superintendent shall not include in the calculation the number of

1 nonfunded students in grades six through twelve who are picked up
2 within one mile of school.

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

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

16 (4) Prior to June 1st of each year the superintendent shall submit
17 to the office of financial management, and the committees on education
18 and ways and means of the senate and house of representatives a report
19 outlining the methodology and rationale used in determining the
20 allocation rates to be used the following year.

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