

SENATE BILL 6297

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2006 Regular Session

By Senators Mulliken, Benton, Oke, Pflug, Schoesler, Schmidt, Delvin, Esser, Honeyford and Parlette

Read first time 01/10/2006. Referred to Committee on Ways & Means.

1 AN ACT Relating to school district diesel prices; and amending 2005
2 c 518 s 505 (uncodified).

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

4 Sec. 1. 2005 c 518 s 505 (uncodified) is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION--FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

7	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2006) . . . . .	(( <del>\$242,170,000</del> ))
8		<u>\$254,189,000</u>
9	General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2007) . . . . .	(( <del>\$248,575,000</del> ))
10		<u>\$258,670,000</u>
11	TOTAL APPROPRIATION . . . . .	(( <del>\$490,745,000</del> ))
12		<u>\$512,819,000</u>

13 The appropriations in this section are subject to the following
14 conditions and limitations:

- 15 (1) Each general fund fiscal year appropriation includes such funds
- 16 as are necessary to complete the school year ending in the fiscal year
- 17 and for prior fiscal year adjustments.

1 (2) A maximum of \$796,000 of this fiscal year 2006 appropriation  
2 and a maximum of \$812,000 of the fiscal year 2007 appropriation may be  
3 expended for regional transportation coordinators and related  
4 activities. The transportation coordinators shall ensure that data  
5 submitted by school districts for state transportation funding shall,  
6 to the greatest extent practical, reflect the actual transportation  
7 activity of each district.

8 (3) \$5,000 of the fiscal year 2006 appropriation and \$5,000 of the  
9 fiscal year 2007 appropriation are provided solely for the  
10 transportation of students enrolled in "choice" programs.  
11 Transportation shall be limited to low-income students who are  
12 transferring to "choice" programs solely for educational reasons.

13 (4) Allocations for transportation of students shall be based on  
14 reimbursement rates of \$41.51 per weighted mile in the 2005-06 school  
15 year and \$42.01 per weighted mile in the 2006-07 school year exclusive  
16 of salary and benefit adjustments provided in section 504 of this act.  
17 Allocations for transportation of students transported more than one  
18 radius mile shall be based on weighted miles as determined by  
19 superintendent of public instruction multiplied by the per mile  
20 reimbursement rates for the school year pursuant to the formulas  
21 adopted by the superintendent of public instruction. Allocations for  
22 transportation of students living within one radius mile shall be based  
23 on the number of enrolled students in grades kindergarten through five  
24 living within one radius mile of their assigned school multiplied by  
25 the per mile reimbursement rate for the school year multiplied by 1.29.

26 (5) For busses purchased between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2007,  
27 the office of superintendent of public instruction shall provide  
28 reimbursement funding to a school district only after the  
29 superintendent of public instruction determines that the school bus was  
30 purchased from the list established pursuant to RCW 28A.160.195(2) or  
31 a comparable competitive bid process based on the lowest price quote  
32 based on similar bus categories to those used to establish the list  
33 pursuant to RCW 28A.160.195. The competitive specifications shall meet  
34 federal motor vehicle safety standards, minimum state specifications as  
35 established by rule by the superintendent, and supported options as  
36 determined by the superintendent in consultation with the regional  
37 transportation coordinators of the educational service districts.

1           (6) Beginning with the 2005-06 school year, the superintendent of  
2 public instruction shall base depreciation payments for school district  
3 buses on the five-year average of lowest bids in the appropriate  
4 category of bus. In the final year on the depreciation schedule, the  
5 depreciation payment shall be based on the current state price. The  
6 superintendent may include a weighting or other adjustment factor in  
7 the averaging formula to ease the transition from the current-price  
8 depreciation system to the average depreciation system. Prior to  
9 making any depreciation payment in the 2005-06 school year, the  
10 superintendent shall notify the office of financial management and the  
11 fiscal committees of the legislature of the specific depreciation  
12 formula to be used. The replacement cost shall be based on the lowest  
13 bid in the appropriate bus category for that school year. A maximum of  
14 \$50,000 of the fiscal year 2006 appropriation may be expended for  
15 software programming costs associated with the implementation of this  
16 subsection.

17           (7) In addition to the allocations for transportation of students  
18 in subsection (4) of this section, school districts shall be allocated  
19 \$3.05 per weighted mile in the 2005-06 school year and \$1.79 per  
20 weighted mile in the 2006-07 school year exclusive of salary and  
21 benefit adjustments provided in section 504, chapter 518, Laws of 2005.  
22 The total amount allocated pursuant to this subsection shall be limited  
23 to \$22,114,000 for the 2005-2007 biennium.

--- END ---