
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2583

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By House Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Caldier, Dent, and Corry)

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1 AN ACT Relating to student transportation for students in out-of-
2 home placements; adding a new section to chapter 28A.160 RCW; adding
3 a new section to chapter 28A.630 RCW; and providing an expiration
4 date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.160
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1)(a) By December 31, 2020, the office of the superintendent of
9 public instruction shall establish a uniform process designed to
10 collect and report information related to transportation to and from
11 the school of origin for students placed in out-of-home care outside
12 their school of origin district. The information must include
13 transportation distance and time, mode of transit, additional
14 expenditures, including expenditures required under the foster care
15 provisions in the elementary and secondary education act of 1965 (20
16 U.S.C. Sec. 6301 et seq.) and the fostering connections to success
17 and increasing adoptions act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351), and source of
18 expenditure revenue.

19 (b) Once established, the superintendent of public instruction
20 shall adopt the necessary administrative rules to direct each school
21 district to adopt and use the uniform process to collect the required

1 information and report it to the office of the superintendent of
2 public instruction.

3 (2) Within existing resources, the office of the superintendent
4 of public instruction must provide technical assistance to school
5 districts related to transporting students placed in out-of-home care
6 outside their school of origin district. The technical assistance
7 must include assistance with using the information collection and
8 reporting process described under subsection (1) of this section,
9 complying with state allocation reporting requirements, providing
10 efficient transportation services, and maximizing revenue that can be
11 used to transport out-of-home care students.

12 (3) For the purposes of this section, "out-of-home care" has the
13 same meaning as in RCW 13.34.030.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.630
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1) By October 1, 2022, and in compliance with RCW 43.01.036, the
17 office of the superintendent of public instruction shall report to
18 the appropriate committees of the legislature the following
19 information:

20 (a) The number of interdistrict enrollments each student in out-
21 of-home care, as defined in RCW 13.34.030, experienced during the
22 2021-22 school year;

23 (b) An analysis of travel distance data collected during the
24 2021-22 school year for students placed in out-of-home care outside
25 their school of origin district, including the distance:

26 (i) From the out-of-home care placement to the school of origin;

27 (ii) From the out-of-home care placement to the school of
28 enrollment, if the student is no longer enrolled in the school of
29 origin; and

30 (iii) From the school of origin to the school of enrollment, if
31 the student is no longer enrolled in the school of origin;

32 (c) A summary of information related to transporting students
33 placed in out-of-home care outside their school of origin district to
34 and from their school of origin reported by school districts as
35 required under section 1(1) of this act;

36 (d) A summary of technical assistance provided to school
37 districts as required under section 1(2) of this act; and

38 (e) Recommendations for improving the processes for appropriately
39 compensating school districts for the costs of transporting students

1 placed in out-of-home care outside their school of origin district to
2 and from their school of origin.

3 (2) This section expires August 31, 2023.

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