

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By _____

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1552, Page 11, Section 160.415, Line
2 370, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "163.161. 1. Any school district which makes provision for transporting pupils as provided
5 in section 162.621 and sections 167.231 and 167.241 shall receive state aid for the ensuing year for
6 such transportation on the basis of the cost of pupil transportation services provided the current year.
7 A district shall receive, pursuant to section 163.031, an amount not greater than seventy-five percent
8 of the allowable costs of providing pupil transportation services to and from school and to and from
9 public accredited vocational courses, and shall not receive an amount per pupil greater than one
10 hundred twenty-five percent of the state average approved cost per pupil transported the second
11 preceding school year, except when the state board of education determines that sufficient
12 circumstances exist to authorize amounts in excess of the one hundred twenty-five percent of the
13 state average approved cost per pupil transported the second previous year.

14 2. The state board of education shall determine public school district route approval
15 procedures to be used by each public school district board of education to approve all bus routes or
16 portions of routes and determine the total miles each public school district needs for safe and cost-
17 efficient transportation of the pupils and the state board of education shall determine allowable
18 costs. No state aid shall be paid for the costs of transporting pupils living less than one mile from
19 the school. However, if the state board of education determines that circumstances exist where no
20 appreciable additional expenses are incurred in transporting pupils living less than one mile from
21 school, such pupils may be transported without increasing or diminishing the district's entitlement to
22 state aid for transportation.

23 3. State aid for transporting handicapped and severely handicapped students attending
24 classes within the school district or in a nearby district under a contractual arrangement shall be paid
25 in accordance with the provisions of section 163.031 and an amount equal to seventy-five percent of
26 the additional cost of transporting handicapped and severely handicapped students above the
27 average per pupil cost of transporting all students of the district shall be apportioned pursuant to
28 section 163.031 where such special transportation is approved in advance by the department of
29 elementary and secondary education. State aid for transportation of handicapped and severely
30 handicapped children in a special school district shall be seventy-five percent of allowable costs as
31 determined by the state board of education which may for sufficient reason authorize amounts in
32 excess of one hundred twenty-five percent of the state average approved cost per pupil transported
33 the second previous year. In no event shall state transportation aid exceed seventy-five percent of
34 the total allowable cost of transporting all pupils eligible to be transported; provided that no district
35 shall receive reduced reimbursement for costs of transportation of handicapped and severely
36 handicapped children based upon inefficiency.

Action Taken _____ Date _____

1 4. No state transportation aid received pursuant to section 163.031 shall be used to purchase
2 any school bus manufactured prior to April 1, 1977, that does not meet the federal motor vehicle
3 safety standards.

4 5. Any school district that operates magnet schools as part of a master desegregation
5 settlement agreement shall not be considered inefficient for purposes of state aid for transportation
6 of pupils attending such magnet schools and shall not receive a financial penalty for the magnet
7 school transportation portion of the overall transportation budget as a result thereof."; and
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9 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
10 accordingly.