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Overview

The 1997 Legislature eliminated categorical funding for pupil transportation costs. In place of the cost-based categorical formula, \$170 per pupil was added to the basic formula allowance and a new component called transportation sparsity revenue was added to the general education revenue program. As a result, for many school districts, transportation costs now exceed pupil transportation revenue.

The 2017 Legislature added an additional adjustment to the transportation sparsity component of general education revenue. This formula provides school districts with 18.2 percent of the difference between the district's regular and excess transportation costs (the transportation to and from school) and the sum of transportation sparsity revenue and 4.66 percent of the general education basic formula allowance.

HF 3591 increases the percent of these pupil transportation costs that are reimbursed from 18.2 percent to an unspecified percentage.

Section

- 1 Pupil transportation adjustment.** Increases the current pupil transportation aid adjustment from 18.2 percent of a district's unfunded transportation costs to an unspecified level of the district's unfunded pupil transportation costs.
- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates an unspecified amount of state aid to pay for a higher level of pupil transportation aid.