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Bill Summary

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Overview

State law requires school districts to transport pupils who live more than two miles from school to and from school. Many school districts choose to transport pupils (especially elementary pupils) who live closer than two miles to and from school.

Categorical funding for most types of student transportation was eliminated by the 1995 Legislature and the basic formula allowance was increased by a uniform amount.

School districts may choose to operate their own buses or to contract with a provider of transportation services. House File 455 authorizes grants for school districts to that use public transportation to transport secondary students.

Grants for pupil transportation. Appropriates an unspecified amount of money to school districts for grants to provide secondary pupil transportation to and from school on public transportation. Requires the grants to be matched with \$1 of district money for every \$4 of grant money received by the district.