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and from school

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Overview

Directs a school district to transport kindergarten and elementary school students who live between one and two miles from school and students who must cross a freeway or expressway to get to and from school, unless the school board formally opts out of these provisions.

Section

1 **Providing transportation.** Requires school districts to arrange transportation for students in kindergarten and elementary school who live between one and two miles from school and for students who must cross a freeway or expressway to get to and from school.

Makes this section effective July 1, 2003.

- **School board elementary opt out.** (a) Allows a school board, after permitting public comment at a regularly scheduled school board meeting, to adopt a written resolution to opt out of the requirements under subdivision 1.
 - (b) Requires a school board to provide two weeks of official public notice before adopting a resolution and also to provide notice to parents of the school district's intent to opt out at least two weeks before holding the school board meeting to adopt the opt out resolution.

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