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Overview

Under current law, a school district is required to provide transportation services to all pupils who live at least 2 miles from school. The transportation mandate has not changed over the last several decades. However, prior to the changes enacted by the 1995 Legislature, pupil transportation was funded on a categorical basis, and full funding of to and from school transportation was provided for secondary students who lived more than 2 miles from school and for elementary students who lived at least 1 mile from school. Many school districts continue to transport elementary students who live more than one mile from school.

This bill requires school districts to transport elementary students who live more than one mile from school and creates a levy to pay for the added costs imposed by this requirement.

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- 1 Providing transportation.** Requires a school district to provide for pupil transportation for all elementary students who live at least one mile from school. Current law sets a two-mile limit for both elementary and secondary students.
- 2 Elementary pupil transportation levy.** Authorizes a school district to levy for the costs of transporting elementary students who live between one and two miles from school.
- 3 Elementary pupil transportation levy; fiscal year 2006.** Authorizes a school district to include in its payable 2006 levy the amounts for costs incurred in both fiscal year 2006 and 2007 (without this provision, the levy fiscal year 2007 would be the first one that could be

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funded through a levy payable in 2006).