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Overview

School districts and charter schools are required to transport resident pupils who live two or more miles from school to school. When pupil transportation is provided the sole discretion, method, control, and management of the transportation rests with the school board.

A charter school may choose to provide for or contract its own pupil transportation, or alternatively, the charter school may require the school district in which the charter school is located to transport its pupils within the boundaries of that school district. In either of these instances, the transportation provider's responsibility is limited to transportation of pupils within the district's boundaries.

This bill requires a school district that is providing pupil transportation services on behalf of a charter school to allow a nonresident pupil attending the charter school to ride the bus from any scheduled stop to any other scheduled stop on the district's school bus. Allows the school district to charge a fee for this transportation not to exceed the lesser of 15 cents per mile or the actual costs of transportation per mile transported.

Section

1 **Nonresident charter school pupil transportation.** Requires a school district that is providing pupil transportation services on behalf of a charter school to allow a nonresident pupil attending the charter school to ride the bus from any scheduled stop to any other scheduled stop on the district's school bus. Allows the school district to charge a fee for this transportation service not to exceed the lesser of 15 cents per mile or the actual costs of transportation per mile transported.

Section

2 **Pupil transportation.** Requires a school district to provide transportation to nonresident charter school pupils according to section 1.