

Subject Agreements for Nonpublic Pupil Transportation

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Overview

Minnesota requires a school district to provide transportation to and from school for all students who live two miles or more from their school. A school board has the sole discretion, control, and management over: scheduling of bus routes; establishing location of bus stops; manner and method of transportation; control and discipline of school children; and any other transportation matter. A school board may choose to provide other pupil transportation as well (e.g. for students who live closer than two miles to school). A school board is required to provide equal transportation for nonpublic school children.

Equal transportation for nonpublic school pupils requires the district to transport a nonpublic pupil to a nonpublic school within the district if the student lives at least the same distance from the nonpublic school as public school students in the district who are transported to school. If the nonpublic school is located outside of the district, under current law the school district must transport the nonpublic student to the border of its district.

Nonpublic pupil transportation aid equals the product of the number of nonpublic students transported times the district's actual pupil transportation expenses in the second prior year for all transported students. This amount is then inflated by the two-year growth in the general education basic formula allowance (to adjust for the base spending being two years prior).

H.F. 923 allows a school district and nonpublic school to agree to a plan for an alternative arrangement that is satisfactory to both parties and keeps the school district's nonpublic pupil transportation aid unaffected by the plan's arrangement.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Board control. [pupil transportation]</p> <p>Allows the board of a school district and a nonpublic school to mutually agree to a written plan for transportation of nonpublic students.</p> <p>Authorizes a school board that provides pupil transportation through its own employees to transport the nonpublic pupils according to the plan. Authorizes the nonpublic school to pay an additional amount to the school district for pupil transportation beyond the transportation required in statute. Authorizes a similar arrangement for a school district that contracts for transportation services from a private provider of transportation services.</p> <p>Requires the school district to report the number of nonpublic students transported, including the nonpublic students transported under a contract, to the Department of Education in the form and manner specified by the commissioner so that the district's nonpublic pupil transportation aid remains unaffected by the nonpublic pupil transportation provided under the plan.</p>



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