CHAPTER 80

[Senate Bill No. 2201]
SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION——ROUTES——OTHER ARRANGEMENTS——
REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS

AN ACT Relating to education; amending section 28A.24.080, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 54, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24.080; amending section 28A.24.100, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 10, chapter 66, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24.100; amending section 28A.41.160, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 60, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.41.160; creating new sections; repealing section 28A.24.090, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24.090; and repealing section 28A.24.150, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 2, chapter 20, Laws of 1970 ex. sess., section 8, chapter 48, Laws of 1971, section 55, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24.150.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 28A.24.080, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 54, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24-.080 are each amended to read as follows:

School district transportation routes for purposes of state reimbursement of transportation costs shall be recommended by the ((school district transportation commission in)) board of directors of each school district and approved or disapproved by the educational service district superintendent ((of public instruction)) or his or her designee pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction for that purpose. ((The commission shall be appointed by the superintendent of public instruction and shall consist of (1) a representative of the local board of directors, (2) a representative of the superintendent of public instruction, and (3) a representative of the educational service district board.))

Sec. 2. Section 28A.24.100, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as amended by section 10, chapter 66, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24.100 are each amended to read as follows:

Individual transportation ((or)), board and room, and other arrangements may be authorized ((when these seem best in the judgment of the commission)) or provided and, in whole or part, paid for or reimbursed by a school district, when approved by the educational service district superintendent or his or her designee pursuant to rules promulgated by the superintendent of public instruction for that purpose: PROVIDED, That the total of payments for board and room and transportation incidental thereto shall not exceed the amount which would otherwise be paid for such individual transportation. No district shall be required to transport any pupil living within two miles of the school which such pupil attends: PRO-VIDED, That all handicapped children as defined in RCW 28A.13.010 who are not ambulatory and/or who are not capable of protecting their own welfare while traveling to and/or from the school or agency where special educational aid services are provided shall be provided with transportation at school district or districts expense. Except as otherwise provided ((in)) pursuant to this section and except for the handicapped students described in this section, ((the commission may require)) pupils residing within two miles of an established route may be required to travel to the route at their own expense.

Sec. 3. Section 28A.41.160, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. as last amended by section 60, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.41.160 are each amended to read as follows:

Reimbursement for transportation costs shall be in addition to state assistance based upon weighted enrollment. Transportation costs shall be reimbursed as follows:

- (1) Operational reimbursement shall be limited to ninety percent of the service costs on routes recommended by the educational service district ((transportation commission)) superintendent or his or her designee, and as approved by the state superintendent((, or shall be limited to ninety percent of the average state cost per vehicle mile for the class of vehicle approved for operation as determined by the state superintendent, whichever is the smaller)); and
- (2) Costs of acquisition of approved transportation equipment shall be limited to ninety percent to be reimbursed over the anticipated life of the vehicle, as determined by the state superintendent: PROVIDED, That reimbursements for the acquisition of approved transportation equipment received by school districts shall be held within the general fund exclusively for the future purpose of approved transportation equipment and major transportation equipment repairs consistent with rules and regulations authorized and promulgated under RCW 28A.41.170((5, 28A.65.050, and 28A.65.180)) and chapter 28A.65 RCW.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 4. The following acts or parts thereof are hereby repealed:

- (1) Section 28A.24.090, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24.090; and
- (2) Section 28A.24.150, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 2, chapter 20, Laws of 1970 ex. sess., section 8, chapter 48, Laws of 1971, section 55, chapter 275, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.24.150.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. If any provision of this 1977 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 81

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2374]

MOTOR VEHICLES—SIZE, WEIGHT, LOAD—IMPAIRED CLEARANCE SIGNS—AXLE FACTORS—GROSS WEIGHT LIMIT

AN ACT Relating to motor vehicles; amending section 46.44.020, chapter 12, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 7, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.020; amending section 22, chapter 64, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 46.44.041; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington: