<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. If any provision of this 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 307

[Substitute House Bill No. 425] SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION—PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS

AN ACT Relating to school transportation; creating a new section; and adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.24 RCW.

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

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.24 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Every school district board of directors may authorize children attending a private school approved in accordance with RCW 28A.02.201 to ride a school bus or other student transportation vehicle to and from school so long as the following conditions are met:

(1) The board of directors shall not be required to alter those bus routes or stops established for transporting public school students;

(2) Private school students shall be allowed to ride on a seat-available basis only; and

(3) The board of directors shall charge an amount sufficient to reimburse the district for the actual per seat cost of providing such transportation.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. If any provision of this 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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