CHAPTER 59

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 4143] SCHOOL DISTRICTS—STUDENT TRANSPORTATION ALLOCATIONS

AN ACT Relating to student transportation allocations; and amending RCW 28A.41.520 and 28A.41.525.

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

Sec. 1. Section 4, chapter 265, Laws of 1981 as last amended by section 5, chapter 61, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.41.520 are each amended to read as follows:

Each district's annual student transportation allocation shall be based on differential rates determined by the superintendent of public instruction in the following manner:

(1) The superintendent shall annually calculate a standard student mile allocation rate for determining the transportation allocation for those services provided for in RCW 28A.41.505. "Standard student mile allocation rate," as used in this chapter, means the per mile allocation rate for transporting an eligible student. The standard student mile allocation rate may be adjusted to include such additional differential factors as distance; restricted passenger load; circumstances that require use of special types of transportation vehicles; handicapped student load; and small fleet maintenance.

(2) The superintendent of public instruction shall annually calculate allocation rate(s), which shall include vehicle amortization, for determining the transportation allocation for transporting students in district-owned passenger cars, as defined in RCW 46.04.382, pursuant to RCW 28A.24-.055 for services provided for in RCW 28A.41.505 if a school district deems it advisable to use such vehicles after the school district board of directors has considered the safety of the students being transported as well as the economy of utilizing a district-owned passenger car in lieu of a school bus.

(3) Prior to June 1st of each year the superintendent shall submit to the office of financial management, and the committees on education and ways and means of the senate and house of representatives a report outlining the methodology and rationale used in determining the ((student mile)) allocation rates to be used the following year.

Sec. 2. Section 5, chapter 265, Laws of 1981 as last amended by section 6, chapter 61, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 28A.41.525 are each amended to read as follows:

The superintendent shall notify districts of their student transportation allocation before ((December)) <u>January</u> 15th. If the number of eligible students in a school district changes ten percent or more from the October report, and the change is maintained for a period of twenty consecutive school days or more, the district may submit revised eligible student data to the superintendent of public instruction. The superintendent shall, to the extent funds are available, recalculate the district's allocation for the transportation of pupils to and from school.

The superintendent shall make the student transportation allocation in accordance with the apportionment payment schedule in RCW 28A.48.010, as now or hereafter amended. Such allocation payments may be based on estimated amounts for payments to be made in September, October, November, ((and)) December, and January. ((For the 1982-83 school year, no school district shall receive a reduction or increase in funds of over three percent of what it received the previous year as adjusted to its proportional share of funds appropriated by the legislature for 1982-83 transportation services.))

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CHAPTER 60

[Senate Bill No. 3204] VETERANS' DAY—SCHOOL OBSERVANCE ACTIVITIES

AN ACT Relating to school programs in observance of Veterans' Day; and amending RCW 28A.02.070.

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

Sec. 1. Section 12, chapter 15, Laws of 1970 ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 120, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.02.070 are each amended to read as follows:

((On)) <u>During</u> the school ((day)) week preceding the eleventh day of November of each year, there shall be presented in each common school as defined in RCW 28A.01.060 ((a program)) educational activities suitable to the observance of Veterans' Day.

The responsibility for the preparation and presentation of ((such program)) the activities approximating at least sixty minutes ((in length)) total throughout the week shall be with the principal or head teacher of each school building and such program shall embrace topics tending to instill a loyalty and devotion to the institutions and laws of this state and nation.

The superintendent of public instruction and each educational service district superintendent, by advice and suggestion, shall aid in the preparation of ((such programs)) these activities if such aid be solicited.

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