

Hall of the House of Representatives
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2751

"AN ACT TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TRANSPORTATION TIME FOR STUDENTS IN
CONSOLIDATED AND ANNEXED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2751.

Amend House Bill No. 2751 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Cook as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:
"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 19 is amended to add an
additional section to read as follows:

6-19-123. Transportation efficiency study.

(a) The Bureau of Legislative Research in conjunction with the
Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation shall
conduct a study of the transportation of public school students by public
school districts in the state with an emphasis on public school districts
resulting from consolidation or annexation, isolated school districts, and
public school districts with declining enrollment to assess whether the time
and cost of public school district transportation for students enrolled in
those public school districts can or should be minimized.

(b) The study shall include, without limitation, the following:

(1) How public school districts administer student
transportation routes and number of school buses to accommodate student
needs;

(2) How regional or local geography influence time and cost of
school bus routes;

(3) How student characteristics and density or scarcity of
student population impact the time and cost of student transportation; and

(4) A review of other states' practices concerning student
transportation.

(c) The bureau shall report its findings and recommendations to the
House Interim Committee on Education and the Senate Interim Committee on
Education before October 1, 2008.

(d) The report shall include, without limitation, the following:

(1) A description of the boundaries of all public school
districts resulting from consolidation or annexation;



(2) A list of public school districts for which a boundary adjustment or other alternative would reduce the public school district's transportation time or cost;

(3) A detailed description of each alternative for reducing a public school district's transportation time or cost, including without limitation for each alternative:

(A) The number of hours of transportation time saved per student presented by public school district and by statewide total;

(B) The total cost saved under the alternative presented by public school district and by statewide total; and

(4) A description of the proposed implementation of any alternative, including without limitation:

(A) The cost of implementation; and

(B) For any boundary change considered in the alternative, the impact, if any, of the boundary change on an affected public school district's compliance with the State Board of Education's standards for accreditation, academic achievement, and financial management."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative M. Martin
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Chief Clerk