

# Fiscal Impact Statement

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**DATE:** 1/26/2023

**BILL:** HB1205,

**SPONSOR:** Wooten

**SUBTITLE:**

TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL THAT ACCEPTS STATE FUNDING OF ANY TYPE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO CERTAIN STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL

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## **TOPIC**

Student Transportation

## **AFFECTED FUNDS**

Public School Funds

## **REVENUE IMPACT**

\$315.4M

## **ASSUMPTIONS - BASED ON:**

Currently there is no requirement for any public school to provide transportation to students, unless the student has an IEP that requires it. This bill would make transportation a requirement for all public schools - the state would then be required to provide funding for the transportation.

In the 21-22 traditional school districts spent 202.7M on student transportation. The average cost per mile to run a bus was \$3.75. This amount includes things such as fuel, maintenance requirements, and bus driver salary. How the district provides transportation varies by district for example some pick up any student who requests it while others pick up students a certain millage away from the district.

Estimated cost of 315.4M (see calculation below).

- Estimated number of buses: took the districts Q3 ADM and divided by 71 (average seats on a bus) and rounded up to the nearest whole number
- Estimated cost per bus: \$3.75 per mile X 70 mile (35 max each way) X 178 school days

- Multiply the estimated buses by the estimated cost for a total of 299.7M for traditional districts and 15.7M for open-enrollment charter schools.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**