



## History of School Transportation Funding

- 1. Act 84 of 1947 allowed school districts to incur Bonded indebtedness for school buildings and equipment, including buses.
- 2. Act 242 of 1961 Established the State
  Transportation Aid Fund thru the State Board
  of Education for distribution of funds to public
  schools. \$20min/\$42max per avg. daily
  student transported.
- 3. Act 648 of 1975 Amended Act 242 of 1961 by increasing to \$20min/\$90max per child transported.

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- 4. Act 196 of 1979 Amended Act 242 of 1961 by increasing to \$40min/\$120max per avg. child transported specified K-12 included.
- 5. Act 83 of 1983 Amended Act 242 of 1961 by increasing to \$70min/\$280max per avg. child transported.
  - 6. Act 840 of 1991 Required any remaining balance in a School district's state transportation funds balance not used by the end of the biennium to be returned to the ADE for deposit into the fund and redistributed.

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- 7. Act 1133 of 1997 Repeal of A.C.A. 6-20-219 (Act 242 of 1961) and replaced with High Cost Transportation Funding Formula.
- 8. Act 373 0f 1999 Modification of A.C.A. 6-20-1703 (Act 1133 of 1997) for Clarification and increased allowances.
- 9. Act 2138 of 2005 Repealed
  A.C.A. 6-60-1701 et seq. (Act 1133 of 1997),
  and replaced with current formula.

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### **Odden and Picus**

The Arkansas Recalibration Report August 30, 2006

 Page 72: ... we have used existing 2004-05 transportation expenses by district inflated to 2007-08. This 2007-08 estimate averages \$286 per ADM, but varies considerably by district from a low of \$67 to a high of \$695 per pupil.

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 Page 79: ... we recommend that the transportation figure be removed from the new "per pupil" amount and provided to districts as a separate grant, providing each district with the amount actually spent per pupil on transportation in 2004-05 inflated up to an appropriate figure for 2007-08 until the state creates a more standards- and research-based transportation funding formula.

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Page 80: ... we recommend a transportation categorical program which would average \$286 per pupil in 2007-08, but based on district's actual transportation expenditures in 2004-05 inflated up to a 2007-08 base, AND to be replaced by a standards-based formula in the future.

## Act 624 of 2007

A.C.A. § 10-3-317 (a) (1) The Dept. of Education shall provide the Bureau of Legislative Research with direct read and report only access to the department's data warehouse concerning school districts and related records.

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# Transportation Variables

- Cost
- ADM
- District Area (square miles)
- Number of Students Transported
- Daily Linear Route Miles
- Number of Buses
- Ratios: 1. ADM District Area
  - 2. # Transported District Area
  - 3. ADM Miles

TransCost = 
$$\beta_1$$
(miles) +  $\beta_2$ (riders) +  $\beta_3$ (ADM)  $R^2$  = .977

