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Transportation of 4-year-old kindergarten pupils attending private school								

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Under current law, a school board that operates high school grades must generally transport to and from school private school pupils who reside in the school district and who reside at least two miles from school, regardless of the grade in which the pupil is enrolled.

Under current law, school districts that are statutorily required to furnish transportation services to public and private school pupils enrolled in regular education programs are eligible to receive aid for pupil transportation state categorical aid. If the amount of state funding is insufficient to provide sufficient funding for each school district's approved claims, state aid payments shall be prorated among eligible school districts.

This bill provides that a school board that does not operate a four-year-old kindergarten program is not required to transport four-year-old kindergarten (4K) pupils attending private school.

The number of school districts currently transporting 4K pupils who attend private schools and the number of 4K pupils being transported to these schools are unknown. However, school districts that would discontinue transporting 4K pupils, as provided under this bill, would receive less state transportation categorical aid.

State Fiscal Effect:

There would be no net state fiscal effect. However, the bill, as it could potentially reduce school districts' statewide transportation aid eligibility, could provide for a redistribution of state categorical aid among eligible school districts.

Local Fiscal Effect:

School districts that would discontinue transporting 4K pupils, as provided under this bill, would likely do so in a situation where the actual cost of providing this transportation would exceed the categorical aid that would otherwise be received from the state. Therefore, school districts' statewide costs would likely be reduced under this bill.

It also should be noted, that the transportation aid not distributed under this bill for 4K transportation would be redistributed using the current formula which is based on proration of school districts' eligible transportation costs. The actual amount of aid redistributed among eligible districts is indeterminate as the number of pupils and districts affected by this bill is unknown.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications