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AN ACT to amend 121.54 (9); and to create 60.29 (46) of the statutes, relating to authorizing towns to reimburse school districts for transporting pupils in hazardous areas.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

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SECTION 1. 60.29 (46) of the statutes is created to read:

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60.29 (46) REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TRANSPORTATION IN HAZARDOUS AREAS. Upon adoption of an ordinance by a majority of the members of the town board, to reimburse a school district for costs incurred in providing transportation in hazardous areas under s. 121.54 (9) for pupils who reside in the town.

SECTION 2. 121.54 (9) of the statutes is amended to read:

121.54 (9) TRANSPORTATION IN AREAS OF UNUSUAL HAZARDS. In school districts in which unusual hazards exist in walking to and from school for pupils who reside less than 2 miles from the school where they are enrolled, the school board may develop a plan which shall show by map and explanation the nature of the unusual hazards to pupil travel and propose a plan of transportation which will provide proper safeguards for the school attendance of such pupils. Copies of the plan shall be filed with the sheriff of the county in which the principal office of the school district is located. The sheriff shall review the plan and may make suggestions for revision that he deems appropriate. He shall investigate the site and plan and make a determination as to whether unusual hazards exist which cannot be corrected by local government. He shall report his findings in writing to the school board concerned. Any person aggrieved by the determination made by the sheriff may appeal the determination to the state superintendent who shall make a determination upon which the school board shall act. If the findings support the plan and the determination that unusual hazards exist which seriously jeopardize the safety of the pupils in their travel to and from school, the school board may put the plan for transportation into effect, but no part of the costs resulting from the transportation of pupils under this subsection may be

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reimbursed from state funds. <u>Any town board may reimburse, in whole or in part, a school district for costs incurred in providing transportation under this subsection for pupils who reside in the town.</u>