REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Revenue Area: School Finance
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Measure Description:

Defines alternative transportation as a way of providing transportation for eligible students other than by a vehicle or school bus. Specifies conditions under which alternative transportation costs are approved for the purpose of distributing the State School Fund. Takes effect on July 1, 2024.

Revenue Impact: No change in the formula revenue available for distribution to school districts and education service districts

Impact Explanation:

Each fiscal year, school districts are ranked by approved transportation costs per Average Daily Membership (ADM) from the highest to the lowest. The transportation grant to a school district is then 70 percent of approved costs if the district is ranked below the 80th percentile in the ranking. If a school district is ranked in or above the 80th percentile but below the 90th percentile, the grant is 80 percent of approved costs. For those districts ranked in or above the 90th percentile, the grant is 90 percent of approved costs.

This measure defines alternative transportation as a non-vehicle way of providing transportation for eligible students and specifies conditions under which alternative transportation costs are approved for a school district in distributing the State School Fund.

More specifically, the measure allows the State Board of Education to approve alternative transportation-related costs as approved transportation costs when (1) the projected approved transportation costs incorporating alternative transportation are the same as or less than the school district's projected approved transportation costs without alternative transportation or (2) the school district demonstrates that any excess expenses of transportation costs over the projected approved conventional transportation costs as a result of providing alternative transportation will be paid with funds other than the transportation grant from the State School Fund.

A decline or saving in approved transportation costs, if any, by adoption of alternative transportation will lead to an equal amount of increase in general purpose grants to school districts. In the end, the measure does not add to nor subtract from the formula revenue available to school districts.

Creates, Extends, or Expands Tax Expenditure: Yes 🗌 No 🔀

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