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To: Senate Committee on Human Services
From: Richard Donovan, Legislative Services Specialist
Re: Senate Bill 773
Date: February 6, 2023

Chair Gelsner Blouin, Vice Chair Robinson, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the OSBA membership, including 197 school districts and 19 Education Service Districts, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to express concerns with the text of Senate Bill 773.

Senate Bill 773 would allow school districts to pay parents for expenses they incurred when their child student was wrongly placed on an abbreviated school day. It is important to begin this discussion on the bill with the acknowledgement that inappropriate shortened school days can be traumatic, painful, and costly for students and their families. No student should be inappropriately placed on a shortened school day.

However, shortened school days are also an important tool for school districts. Some students thrive on a shorter day. There is an existing process in law for shortened school days, enacted [just five years ago](#) in 2017. And now, in the face of these relatively new laws, there are numerous bills this session proposing changes to the laws around abbreviated school days, among others.

Enacting new payments or fees to school districts is a concern. Especially because there is a simultaneous effort to change the law that would trigger these fees. School districts are a public good and adding new fees erodes the ability of schools to deliver education services to all students. SB 773 would make school districts liable for potentially large sums of money, including salaries and wages. These costs will, necessarily, come at the cost of services delivered to other students.

Thank you for your consideration.