

**SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENTS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins**

House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill provides for reimbursement for certain student transportation costs.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms; and
- ▶ subject to legislative appropriations, requires the State Board of Education to provide a reimbursement for student transportation costs incurred by certain district schools and charter schools.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53F-5-209**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53F-5-209** is enacted to read:

**53F-5-209. Rural school transportation reimbursement.**

(1) As used in this section:



28           (a) "Eligible school" means a district school or a charter school:  
29           (i) that is located in a county of the fourth, fifth, or sixth class, as defined in Section  
30 17-50-501;  
31           (ii) in which at least 50% of the students enrolled in the school qualify for free or  
32 reduced price lunch; and  
33           (iii) that has provided transportation to and from the school for a regular school day for  
34 students for at least five years.  
35           (b) "Local board" means:  
36           (i) for a school district, the local school board; or  
37           (ii) for a charter school, the charter school governing board.  
38           (2) A local board may annually submit a request to the State Board of Education to  
39 receive reimbursement for an expense that:  
40           (a) the local board incurs transporting a student to or from an eligible school for the  
41 regular school day; and  
42           (b) the local board does not pay using state funding for pupil transportation described  
43 in Section 53F-2-402 or 53F-2-403.  
44           (3) (a) Subject to legislative appropriations, and except as provided in Subsection  
45 (3)(b), the State Board of Education shall reimburse a local school board for an expense  
46 included in a request described in Subsection (2).  
47           (b) If the legislative appropriation for this section is insufficient to fund an expense in a  
48 request received under Subsection (2), the State Board of Education may reduce a local school  
49 board's reimbursement in accordance with the rules described in Subsection (4).  
50           (4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the  
51 State Board of Education shall make rules that establish:  
52           (a) requirements for information a local school board shall include in a reimbursement  
53 request described in Subsection (2);  
54           (b) a deadline by which a local school board shall submit a request described in  
55 Subsection (2); and  
56           (c) a formula for reducing a local school board's allocation under Subsection (3).  
57           (5) Nothing in this section affects a school district's allocation for pupil transportation  
58 under Sections 53F-2-402 and 53F-2-403.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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