

Representative Melissa G. Ballard proposes the following substitute bill:

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Melissa G. Ballard

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the State Board of Education to establish a working group to study and make recommendations related to unsafe or hazardous routes for students who walk to school.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to establish a working group to study and make recommendations related to unsafe or hazardous routes for students who walk to school;
- ▶ provides requirements related to membership and study components of the working group;
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education and the Department of Transportation to report to the Legislature; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

~~None~~ **This bill provides a coordination clause.**



26 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

27 AMENDS:

28 **53F-2-403**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 2

28a **Ĥ→ Utah Code Sections Affected by Coordination Clause:**

28b **53E-1-201**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 1 ←Ĥ



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

30 Section 1. Section **53F-2-403** is amended to read:

31 **53F-2-403. Eligibility for state-supported transportation -- Approved bus routes**
32 **-- Study and recommendations for unsafe or hazardous routes.**

33 (1) A student eligible for state-supported transportation means:

34 (a) a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade [~~six~~] 6 who lives at least 1-1/2
35 miles from school;

36 (b) a student enrolled in grades [~~seven~~] 7 through 12 who lives at least two miles from
37 school; and

38 (c) a student enrolled in a special program offered by a school district and approved by
39 the State Board of Education for trainable, motor, multiple-disability, or other students with
40 severe disabilities who are incapable of walking to school or where it is unsafe for students to
41 walk because of their disabling condition, without reference to distance from school.

42 (2) If a school district implements double sessions as an alternative to new building
43 construction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, those affected elementary
44 school students residing less than 1-1/2 miles from school may be transported one way to or
45 from school because of safety factors relating to darkness or other hazardous conditions as
46 determined by the local school board.

47 (3) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute transportation money to school
48 districts based on:

- 49 (i) an allowance per mile for approved bus routes;
- 50 (ii) an allowance per hour for approved bus routes; and
- 51 (iii) a minimum allocation for each school district eligible for transportation funding.

52 (b) The State Board of Education shall distribute appropriated transportation funds
53 based on the prior year's eligible transportation costs as legally reported under Subsection
54 53F-2-402(3).
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56 (c) The State Board of Education shall annually review the allowance per mile and the

88 (iii) school district business administrators;

89 (iv) the transportation advisory committee described in Subsection (5); and

90 (v) the Department of Transportation.

91 (c) (i) The working group shall study, based on information provided by each school
92 district:

93 (A) the number of unsafe or hazardous routes for students to walk to school;

94 (B) information that supports a determination that a route is unsafe or hazardous; and

95 (C) plans that a school district develops under Subsection (8)(c)(ii).

96 (ii) A school district shall develop a plan to address unsafe or hazardous routes within
97 the school district that includes:

98 (A) how the Department of Transportation, a city, or a county will provide resources to
99 help address the unsafe or hazardous routes; and

100 (B) the estimated time and cost to address each unsafe or hazardous route.

101 (iii) The working group shall study the components described in Subsection (8)(c)(i)
102 based on measuring a distance described in Subsection (1) or (2):

103 (A) in the way in which the distance is currently measured; and

104 (B) from where a student lives to the main entrance of the school.

105 (d) (i) The state board shall report to the Education Interim Committee the
106 recommendations described in Subsection (8)(a) on or before the committee's November

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107 interim meeting.

108 (ii) The report shall include recommendations related to the differences in measuring
109 distance described in Subsection (8)(c)(iii).

110 (iii) The Department of Transportation shall report to the Education Interim
111 Committee, in coordination with the state board's report, on how the Department of
112 Transportation will help address unsafe or hazardous routes for students who walk to school.

112a **Ĥ→ Section 2. Coordinating H.B. 363 with S.B. 14 -- Substantive amendment.**

112b **If this H.B. 363 and S.B. 14, Education Reporting Requirements, both pass and become**
112c **law, it is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Legislative Research and General**
112d **Counsel prepare the Utah Code database for publication by:**

112e **(1) inserting the following language as a new Subsection 53E-1-201(2)(f):**

112f **"(f) the reports described in Section 53F-2-403 by the state board and the Department**
112g **of Transportation regarding unsafe or hazardous routes for students who walk to school;"**
112h **and**

112i **(2) renumbering remaining subsections accordingly. ←Ĥ**