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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### LONG TITLE

#### General Description:

This bill ~~{amends provisions}~~ requires the State Board of Education to establish a working group to study and make recommendations related to ~~{student eligibility for state-supported}~~ unsafe or hazardous routes for students who walk to school ~~{transportation}~~.

#### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ ~~{amends provisions}~~ requires the State Board of Education to establish a working group to study and make recommendations related to ~~{student eligibility for state-supported school transportation}~~ unsafe or hazardous routes for students who walk to school;
- ▶ provides requirements related to membership and study components of the working

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group:

- ▶ requires the State Board of Education and the Department of Transportation to report to the Legislature; and
- ▶ makes technical~~{ and conforming}~~ changes.

### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

### Other Special Clauses:

None

### Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

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

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

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

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

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

(a) a student enrolled in kindergarten through grade [~~six~~] 6 who lives at least 1-1/2 miles from ~~{the main entrance of the student's}~~ school;

(b) a student enrolled in grades [~~seven~~] 7 through 12 who lives at least two miles from ~~{the main entrance of the student's}~~ school; and

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

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

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

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

(b) The State Board of Education shall distribute appropriated transportation funds based on the prior year's eligible transportation costs as legally reported under Subsection 53F-2-402(3).

(c) The State Board of Education shall annually review the allowance per mile and the allowance per hour and adjust the allowances to reflect current economic conditions.

(4) (a) Approved bus routes for funding purposes shall be determined on fall data collected by October 1.

(b) Approved route funding shall be determined on the basis of the most efficient and economic routes.

(5) A ~~Transportation Advisory Committee~~ transportation advisory committee with representation from school district superintendents, business officials, school district transportation supervisors, and State Board of Education employees shall serve as a review committee for addressing school transportation needs, including recommended approved bus routes.

(6) A local school board may provide for the transportation of students regardless of the distance from school, from general funds of the school district.

(7) (a) (i) If a local school board expends an amount of revenue equal to at least .0002 per dollar of taxable value of the school district's board local levy imposed under Section 53F-8-302 to pay for transporting students and for the replacement of school buses, the state may contribute an amount not to exceed 85% of the state average cost per mile, contingent upon the Legislature appropriating funds for a state contribution.

(ii) The State Board of Education's employees shall distribute the state contribution according to rules enacted by the State Board of Education.

(b) (i) The amount of state guarantee money that a school district would otherwise be entitled to receive under Subsection (7)(a) may not be reduced for the sole reason that the school district's levy is reduced as a consequence of changes in the certified tax rate under

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Section 59-2-924 due to changes in property valuation.

(ii) Subsection (7)(b)(i) applies for a period of two years following the change in the certified tax rate.

(8) (a) The state board shall establish a working group to study and make recommendations related to improving unsafe or hazardous routes for students who walk to school.

(b) The working group shall include representatives of:

(i) the state board;

(ii) school district superintendents;

(iii) school district business administrators;

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

(v) the Department of Transportation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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