## **HOUSE BILL No. 2686**

## By Representative Otto

## 1-23

9 AN ACT relating to schools; concerning the transportation of students; amending K.S.A. 72-6411 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 72-8302 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 72-6411 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6411. (a) The transportation weighting of each district shall be determined by the state board as follows:

- (1) Determine the total expenditures of the district during the preceding school year from all funds for transporting pupils of public and nonpublic schools on regular school routes;
- (2) divide the amount determined under (1) by the total number of pupils who were included in the enrollment of the district in the preceding school year and for whom transportation was made available by the district;
- (3) multiply the quotient obtained under (2) by the total number of pupils who were included in the enrollment of the district in the preceding school year, were residing less than 2½ miles by the usually traveled road from the school building they attended, and for whom transportation was made available by the district;
- 29 (4) multiply the product obtained under (3) by 50%;
  - (5) subtract the product obtained under (4) from the amount determined under (1);
  - (6) divide the remainder obtained under (5) by the total number of pupils who were included in the enrollment of the district in the preceding school year, were residing 2½ miles or more by the usually traveled road from the school building they attended and for whom transportation was made available by the district. add: (A) The number of pupils who were included in the enrollment of the district in the preceding school year, were residing less than one mile by the usually traveled road from the school building they attended, and for whom transportation was made available by the district, and (B) the number of nonresident pupils who were included in the enrollment of the district for the preceding school year and for whom transportation was made available by the district;
  - (3) multiply times two the number of pupils who were included in the

enrollment of the district in the preceding school year, were residing one mile or more by the usually traveled road from the school building they attended and for whom transportation was made available by the district;

- (4) divide the amount obtained under (2) by the amount obtained under (3);
  - (5) add one to the amount obtained under (4);
- (6) multiply times the amount obtained under (5) the number of pupils who were included in the enrollment of the district in the preceding school year, were residing one mile or more by the usually traveled road from the school building they attended and for whom transportation was made available by the district;
- (7) divide the amount obtained under (1) by the amount obtained under (6). The quotient is the per-pupil cost of transportation;
- (7) (8) on a density-cost graph plot the per-pupil cost of transportation for each district;
  - (8) (9) construct a curve of best fit for the points so plotted;
- (9) (10) locate the index of density for the district on the base line of the density-cost graph and from the point on the curve of best fit directly above this point of index of density follow a line parallel to the base line to the point of intersection with the vertical line, which point is the formula per-pupil cost of transportation of the district;
- $\frac{(10)}{(11)}$  divide the formula per-pupil cost of transportation of the district by base state aid per pupil;
- $(11)\,(12)\,\,$  multiply the quotient obtained under  $(10)\,(11)$  by the number of pupils who are included in the enrollment of the district, are residing one mile or more by the usually traveled road to the school building they attend, and for whom transportation is being made available by, and at the expense of, the district. The product is the transportation weighting of the district.
- (b) For the purpose of providing accurate and reliable data on pupil transportation, the state board is authorized to adopt rules and regulations prescribing procedures which districts shall follow in reporting pertinent information relative thereto, including uniform reporting of expenditures for transportation.
- (c) "Index of density" means the number of pupils who are included in the enrollment of a district in the current school year, are residing one mile or more by the usually traveled road from the school building they attend, and for whom transportation is being made available on regular school routes by the district, divided by the number of square miles of territory in the district.
- (d) "Density-cost graph" means a drawing having: (1) A horizontal or base line divided into equal intervals of density, beginning with zero on the left; and (2) a scale for per-pupil cost of transportation to be shown

on a line perpendicular to the base line at the left end thereof, such scale to begin with zero dollars at the base line ascending by equal per-pupil cost intervals.

- (e) "Curve of best fit" means the curve on a density-cost graph drawn so the sum of the distances squared from such line to each of the points plotted on the graph is the least possible.
- (f) The provisions of this section shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, <del>1992</del> 2006.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 72-8302 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8302. (a) The board of education of a school district may provide or furnish transportation for pupils who are enrolled in the school district to or from any school of the school district or to or from any school of another school district attended by such pupils in accordance with the provisions of an agreement entered into under authority of K.S.A. 72-8233, and amendments thereto.
- (b) (1) When any or all of the conditions specified in this provision exist, the board of education of a school district shall provide or furnish transportation for pupils who reside in the school district and who attend any school of the school district or who attend any school of another school district in accordance with the provisions of an agreement entered into under authority of K.S.A. 72-8233, and amendments thereto. The conditions which apply to the requirements of this provision are as follows:
- (A) The residence of the pupil is inside or outside the corporate limits of a city, the school building attended is outside the corporate limits of a city and the school building attended is more than 2½ miles one mile or more by the usually traveled road from the residence of the pupil; or
- (B) the residence of the pupil is outside the corporate limits of a city, the school building attended is inside the corporate limits of a city and the school building attended is more than 2½ miles one mile or more by the usually traveled road from the residence of the pupil; or
- (C) the residence of the pupil is inside the corporate limits of one city, the school building attended is inside the corporate limits of a different city and the school building attended is more than 2½ miles one mile or more by the usually traveled road from the residence of the pupil.
- (2) The provisions of this subsection are subject to the provisions of subsections (c) and (d).
- (c) The board of education of every school district is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to govern the conduct, control and discipline of all pupils while being transported in school buses. The board may suspend or revoke the transportation privilege or entitlement of any pupil who violates any rules and regulations adopted by the board under authority of this subsection.

- (d) The board of education of every school district may suspend or revoke the transportation privilege or entitlement of any pupil who is detained at school at the conclusion of the school day for violation of any rules and regulations governing pupil conduct or for disobedience of an order of a teacher or other school authority. Suspension or revocation of the transportation privilege or entitlement of any pupil specified in this subsection shall be limited to the school day or days on which the pupil is detained at school. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to any pupil who has been determined to be an exceptional child, except gifted children, under the provisions of the special education for exceptional children act.
- (e) (1) Subject to the limitations specified in this subsection, the board of education of any school district may prescribe and collect fees to offset, totally or in part, the costs incurred for the provision or furnishing of transportation for pupils. The limitations which apply to the authorization granted by this subsection are as follows:
- (A) Fees for the provision or furnishing of transportation for pupils shall be prescribed and collected only to recover the costs incurred as a result of and directly attributable to the provision or furnishing of transportation for pupils and only to the extent that such costs are not reimbursed from any other source provided by law;
- (B) fees for the provision or furnishing of transportation may not be assessed against or collected from any pupil who is counted in determining the transportation weighting of the school district under the provisions of the school district finance and quality performance act or any pupil who is determined to be a child with disabilities under the provisions of the special education for exceptional children act or any pupil who is eligible for free or reduced price meals under the national school lunch act or any pupil who is entitled to transportation under the provisions of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 72-8306, and amendments thereto, and who resides  $\frac{21/2 \text{ miles}}{21/2 \text{ miles}}$  one mile or more by the regular route of a school bus from the school attended;
- (C) fees for the provision or furnishing of transportation for pupils in accordance with the provisions of an agreement entered into under authority of K.S.A. 72-8233 or 72-8307, and amendments thereto, shall be controlled by the provisions of the agreement.
- (2) All moneys received by a school district from fees collected under this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund of the district.
- 39 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-6411 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 72-8302 are hereby 40 repealed.
  - Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.