STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation simplifies student transportation funding by moving to a flat 85% reimbursement rate and removing unnecessary funding provisions. Additionally, this legislation updates student transportation law to allow alternative transportation vehicles, as large yellow school buses are not feasible for all student transportation needs within a district or charter school.

FISCAL NOTE

The changes in this legislation will not impact the FY 2026 K-12 budget and will be accounted for in the FY 2027 K-12 budget request since transportation costs are reimbursed from the previous fiscal year. A normal funding increase for FY 2027, based on inflationary costs, is projected.

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