

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS25337

During the economic downturn the transportation reimbursement model for public school districts and public charter schools was changed. This change prohibited the transportation costs for the mileage unrelated to transporting students to and from school; eliminating state funding for field trips. The purpose of this legislation is to restore funding to public school districts and public charter schools for travel expenses of field trips and other off-site learning opportunities. The State Board of Education is to promulgate the rules to determine the criteria. Extra learning opportunities outside the classroom are a critical and necessary part of a healthy curriculum. This legislation will assist our local public school districts and public charter schools to ensure the opportunity for a balance in education.

### FISCAL NOTE

The financial impact of this legislation is estimated to be between \$ 2.25 million and \$ 2.5 million per year. There is expected to be sufficient funding in the existing amount reserved for transportation funding. This funding will be controlled through rules to be promulgated by the State Board of Education.

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