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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 1046 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Patrick J. Colbeck
Committee: Education

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to eliminate the condition that a pupil be a person for whom a district is eligible to receive State school aid for transportation, in order for the district to be required to provide transportation to the pupil.

Generally, the board of a school district that provides transportation for its resident pupils, other than students with a disability, or other pupils who cannot safely walk to school, must provide transportation for each resident public or nonpublic school pupil if all of the following requirements are met:

- The school district provides transportation for the elementary school level, middle or junior high school level, or high school level, as defined by the local school board, in which the pupil is enrolled.
- The pupil is a person for whom the district is eligible to receive State school aid for transportation.
- The pupil attends either the public or the nearest State-approved nonpublic school in the district to which he or she is eligible to be admitted.

The bill would eliminate the requirement that the pupil be a person for whom the district is eligible to receive State school aid for transportation.

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Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and likely would have no fiscal impact on local government. The bill would codify an administrative rule (R. 340.281), which was modified in 2012, and would not make any changes to the operation of the Department of Education or the School Aid budget. Local units of government would likely not experience a fiscal impact from this bill; only those districts that have not implemented the administrative rule could have potential costs associated with the bill. Since this information is not collected by the State, it is not possible to know whether any districts would incur additional costs associated with the transportation of nonpublic students.

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