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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-945 AND 15-946, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION; RELATING TO SCHOOL FINANCE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-945, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-945. Transportation support level

5 A. The support level for to and from school for each school district
6 for the current year shall be computed as follows:

7 1. Determine the approved daily route mileage of the school district
8 for the fiscal year prior to the current year.

9 2. Multiply the figure obtained in paragraph 1 of this subsection by
10 ~~one hundred seventy five~~ ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY.

11 3. Determine the number of eligible students transported in the fiscal
12 year prior to the current year.

13 4. Divide the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection by
14 the amount determined in paragraph 3 of this subsection to determine the
15 approved daily route mileage per eligible student transported.

16 5. Determine the classification in column 1 of this paragraph for the
17 quotient determined in paragraph 4 of this subsection. Multiply the product
18 obtained in paragraph 2 of this subsection by the corresponding state support
19 level for each route mile as provided in column 2 of this paragraph.

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>
21 Approved Daily Route	State Support Level per
22 Mileage per Eligible	Route Mile for
23 <u>Student Transported</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2005-2006</u>
24 0.5 or less	\$2.15
25 More than 0.5 through 1.0	\$1.74
26 More than 1.0	\$2.15

27 6. Add the amount spent during the prior fiscal year for bus tokens
28 and bus passes for students who qualify as eligible students as defined in
29 section 15-901.

30 B. The support level for academic education, career and technical
31 education, vocational education and athletic trips for each school district
32 for the current year is computed as follows:

33 1. Determine the classification in column 1 of paragraph 2 of this
34 subsection for the quotient determined in subsection A, paragraph 4 of this
35 section.

36 2. Multiply the product obtained in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this
37 section by the corresponding state support level for academic education,
38 career and technical education, vocational education and athletic trips as
39 provided in column 2, 3 or 4 of this paragraph, whichever is appropriate for
40 the type of district.

<u>Column 1</u>	<u>Column 2</u>	<u>Column 3</u>	<u>Column 4</u>
Approved Daily Route	District Type	District Type	District Type
Mileage per Eligible	District Type	District Type	District Type
<u>Student Transported</u>	<u>02 or 03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u>
0.5 or less	0.15	0.10	0.25
More than 0.5 through 1.0	0.15	0.10	0.25
More than 1.0	0.18	0.12	0.30

For the purposes of this paragraph, "district type 02" means a unified school district or an accommodation school that offers instruction in grades nine through twelve, "district type 03" means a common school district not within a high school district, "district type 04" means a common school district within a high school district or an accommodation school that does not offer instruction in grades nine through twelve and "district type 05" means a high school district.

C. The support level for extended school year programs for pupils with disabilities is computed as follows:

1. Determine the sum of the following:

(a) The total number of miles driven by all buses of a school district while transporting eligible pupils with disabilities on scheduled routes from their residence to the school of attendance and from the school of attendance to their residence on routes for an extended school year program in accordance with section 15-881.

(b) The total number of miles driven on routes approved by the superintendent of public instruction for which a private party, a political subdivision or a common or a contract carrier is reimbursed for bringing an eligible pupil with a disability from the place of the pupil's residence to a school transportation pickup point or to the school facility of attendance and from the school transportation scheduled return point or from the school facility to the pupil's residence for an extended school year program in accordance with section 15-881.

2. Multiply the sum determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection by the state support level for the district determined as provided in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section.

D. The transportation support level for each school district for the current year is the sum of the support level for to and from school as determined in subsection A of this section and the support level for academic education, career and technical education, vocational education and athletic trips as determined in subsection B of this section and the support level for extended school year programs for pupils with disabilities as determined in subsection C of this section.

E. The state support level for each approved route mile, as provided in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section, shall be adjusted by the growth rate prescribed by law, subject to appropriation.

1 Sec. 2. Section 15-946, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
2 15-946. Transportation revenue control limit

3 A. The transportation revenue control limit for each school district
4 for the fiscal years 1985-1986, 1986-1987 and 1987-1988 is computed as
5 follows:

6 1. Determine the adopted operational expenditure budget for pupil
7 transportation for the fiscal year 1984-1985 effective January 1, 1985.

8 2. Determine the transportation revenue control limit for the school
9 district for the fiscal year 1984-1985 as provided in this section before
10 April 18, 1985.

11 3. If the school district's transportation revenue control limit for
12 the fiscal year 1984-1985 as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection is
13 equal to or greater than the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this
14 subsection, the transportation revenue control limit for the fiscal year
15 1985-1986 is the change in the transportation support level from the fiscal
16 year 1984-1985 to the fiscal year 1985-1986 plus the transportation revenue
17 control limit for the fiscal year 1984-1985 as provided in paragraph 2 of
18 this subsection. For the fiscal years 1986-1987 and 1987-1988 the
19 transportation revenue control limit is the transportation revenue control
20 limit for the current year plus the change in the transportation support
21 level for the current year to the budget year.

22 4. If the school district's transportation revenue control limit for
23 the fiscal year 1984-1985 as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection is
24 less than the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection, the
25 transportation revenue control limit for the fiscal year 1985-1986 is the sum
26 of the following:

27 (a) The transportation revenue control limit for the school district
28 for the fiscal year 1984-1985 as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection.

29 (b) The change in the transportation support level from the fiscal
30 year 1984-1985 to the fiscal year 1985-1986.

31 (c) One-third of the amount obtained by subtracting the transportation
32 revenue control limit for fiscal year 1984-1985 as provided in paragraph 2 of
33 this subsection from the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

34 5. If the transportation revenue control limit of the school district
35 for the fiscal year 1984-1985 as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection
36 is less than the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection, the
37 transportation revenue control limit for the fiscal years 1986-1987 and
38 1987-1988 is the sum of the following:

39 (a) The transportation revenue control limit for the current year.

40 (b) The change in the transportation support level from the current
41 year to the budget year.

42 (c) One-third of the amount obtained by subtracting the transportation
43 revenue control limit for the fiscal year 1984-1985 as provided in paragraph
44 2 of this subsection from the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this
45 subsection.

1 B. The transportation revenue control limit for each school district
2 for the fiscal year 1988-1989 and each year thereafter shall be the
3 transportation revenue control limit for the current year plus the increase
4 in the transportation support level from the current year to the budget year,
5 EXCEPT THAT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,
6 THE TRANSPORTATION REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT SHALL NOT INCREASE IF THE
7 TRANSPORTATION REVENUE CONTROL LIMIT IS MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY PER CENT
8 OF THE TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT LEVEL. For a school district that sponsors a
9 charter school, its transportation revenue control limit for the budget year
10 shall be calculated as follows:

11 1. Calculate separately, as prescribed by the department of education,
12 the total transportation support level for the current year for all charter
13 schools under the district's sponsorship in the current year.

14 2. Calculate separately, as prescribed by the department of education,
15 the total transportation support level for the budget year for all charter
16 schools under the district's sponsorship in the budget year.

17 3. Subtract the amount determined in paragraph 2 of this subsection
18 from the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection. If the result
19 is zero or less, use zero in paragraph 4 of this subsection.

20 4. Subtract the amount determined in paragraph 3 of this subsection
21 from the district's transportation revenue control limit for the current
22 year. This is the adjusted transportation revenue control limit for the
23 current year.

24 5. The transportation revenue control limit for the budget year is the
25 adjusted transportation revenue control limit for the current year determined
26 in paragraph 4 of this subsection plus the increase in the transportation
27 support level from the current year to the budget year.

28 Sec. 3. Appropriation; purpose

29 The sum of \$5,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in
30 fiscal year 2006-2007 to the department of education to fund public school
31 transportation costs based on a one hundred eighty day school year pursuant
32 to section 15-945, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act.

33 Sec. 4. Retroactivity

34 Section 15-946, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act
35 applies retroactively to from and after May 15, 2006.

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