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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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H. F. No. 3881

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to education finance; modifying the calculation of transportation aid for
1.3 pupils enrolled in postsecondary enrollment options; appropriating money;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 22; Laws 2017,
1.5 First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 3.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 124D.09, subdivision 22, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 22. **Transportation.** (a) A parent or guardian of a pupil enrolled in a course for
1.9 secondary credit may apply to the pupil's district of residence for reimbursement for
1.10 transporting the pupil between the secondary school in which the pupil is enrolled or the
1.11 pupil's home and the postsecondary institution that the pupil attends. The state shall provide
1.12 state aid to a district in an amount sufficient to reimburse the parent or guardian for the
1.13 necessary transportation costs when the ~~family's or guardian's income is at or below the~~
1.14 ~~poverty level, as determined by the federal government~~ student is eligible for a free or
1.15 reduced-price meal. The reimbursement shall be the pupil's actual cost of transportation or
1.16 ~~15 cents~~ the United States Internal Revenue Service business standard mileage rate per mile
1.17 traveled, whichever is less. Reimbursement may not be paid for more than 250 miles per
1.18 week. However, if the nearest postsecondary institution is more than 25 miles from the
1.19 pupil's resident secondary school, the weekly reimbursement may not exceed the
1.20 reimbursement rate per mile times the actual distance between the secondary school or the
1.21 pupil's home and the nearest postsecondary institution times ten. The state must pay aid to
1.22 the district according to this subdivision.

1.23 (b) A parent or guardian of an alternative pupil enrolled in a course for secondary credit
1.24 may apply to the pupil's postsecondary institution for reimbursement for transporting the

2.1 pupil between the secondary school in which the pupil is enrolled or the pupil's home and
 2.2 the postsecondary institution in an amount sufficient to reimburse the parent or guardian
 2.3 for the necessary transportation costs when the ~~family's or guardian's income is at or below~~
 2.4 ~~the poverty level, as determined by the federal government~~ student is eligible for a free or
 2.5 reduced-price meal. The amount of the reimbursement shall be determined as in paragraph
 2.6 (a). The state must pay aid to the postsecondary institution according to this subdivision.

2.7 (c) "Necessary transportation costs" under this subdivision includes the costs of
 2.8 transportation in a private vehicle, bus, taxi, or other shared vehicle.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2019 and later.

2.10 Sec. 2. Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 19, subdivision 3, is
 2.11 amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 3. **Enrollment options transportation.** For transportation of pupils attending
 2.13 postsecondary institutions under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.09, or for transportation
 2.14 of pupils attending nonresident districts under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.03:

2.15	\$	29,000	2018
2.16		31,000		
2.17	\$	<u>.....</u>	2019

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for fiscal year 2019 and later.