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SENATE BILL NO. 511

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to state reimbursement of local school district transportation costs; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 14.09.010(b) is amended to read:

(b) Each school district mentioned in (a)(1) of this section is entitled to receive reimbursement from the state for the operation of the transportation system on a unit cost basis determined by the department. Reimbursement by the state shall include all necessary costs, not offset by fares or fees charged under (a)(3) of this section, which are paid by the district for providing transportation to and from the nearest school facility capable of furnishing the pupils transported the required grade level of education, whether the facility is located inside or outside the district boundaries. Reimbursement shall be for providing transportation by the least costly practical means which may include means other than bus transportation if such transportation is not readily available. The department shall determine costs and means of transportations eligible for reimbursement under this subsection, and in the case of supplementary systems may limit reimbursement to costs of transportation for pupils residing a minimum distance from the school to which transported as prescribed by regulation.

* Sec. 2. AS 14.09.010(c) is amended to read:

(c) The school board of a district, or the department for areas

1 not within school districts, shall designate as hazardous those routes
2 which cannot be safely traveled by children not served by school bus.
3 The designation may recognize hazards that exist only part of the
4 time and in these instances the designation shall be applicable only
5 during the time the hazards are found to exist. The board or the
6 department shall provide for the transportation of pupils on routes
7 designated as hazardous. [THE ADDITIONAL COST OF THE TRANSPORTATION
8 IN A DISTRICT SHALL BE SHARED EQUALLY BY THE DISTRICT AND THE DEPART-
9 MENT.] Eligibility to receive school bus service on routes designated
10 as hazardous shall not be subject to restrictions based on the minimum
11 distance between established schools and the residences of pupils.

12 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1970.
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